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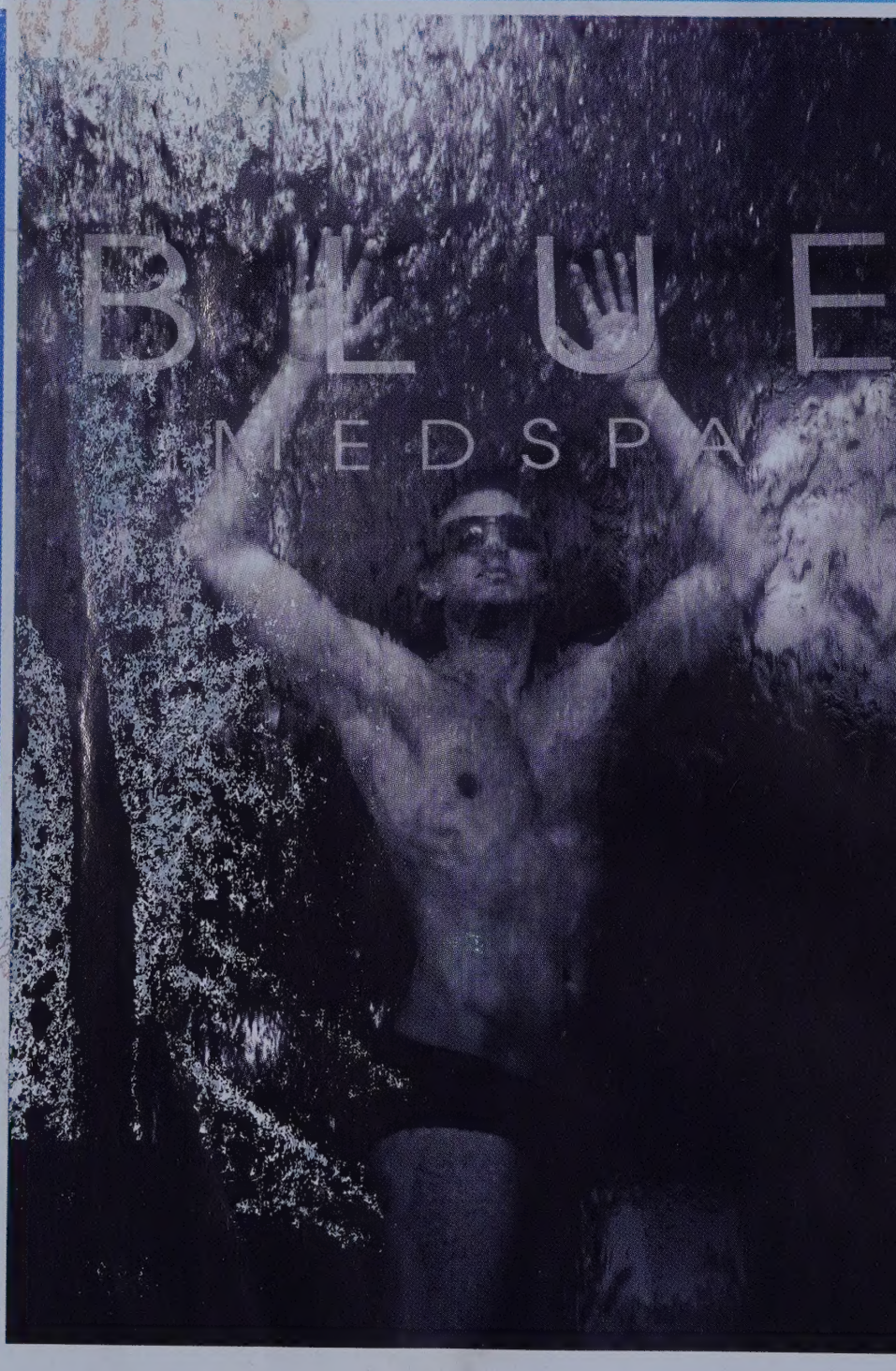

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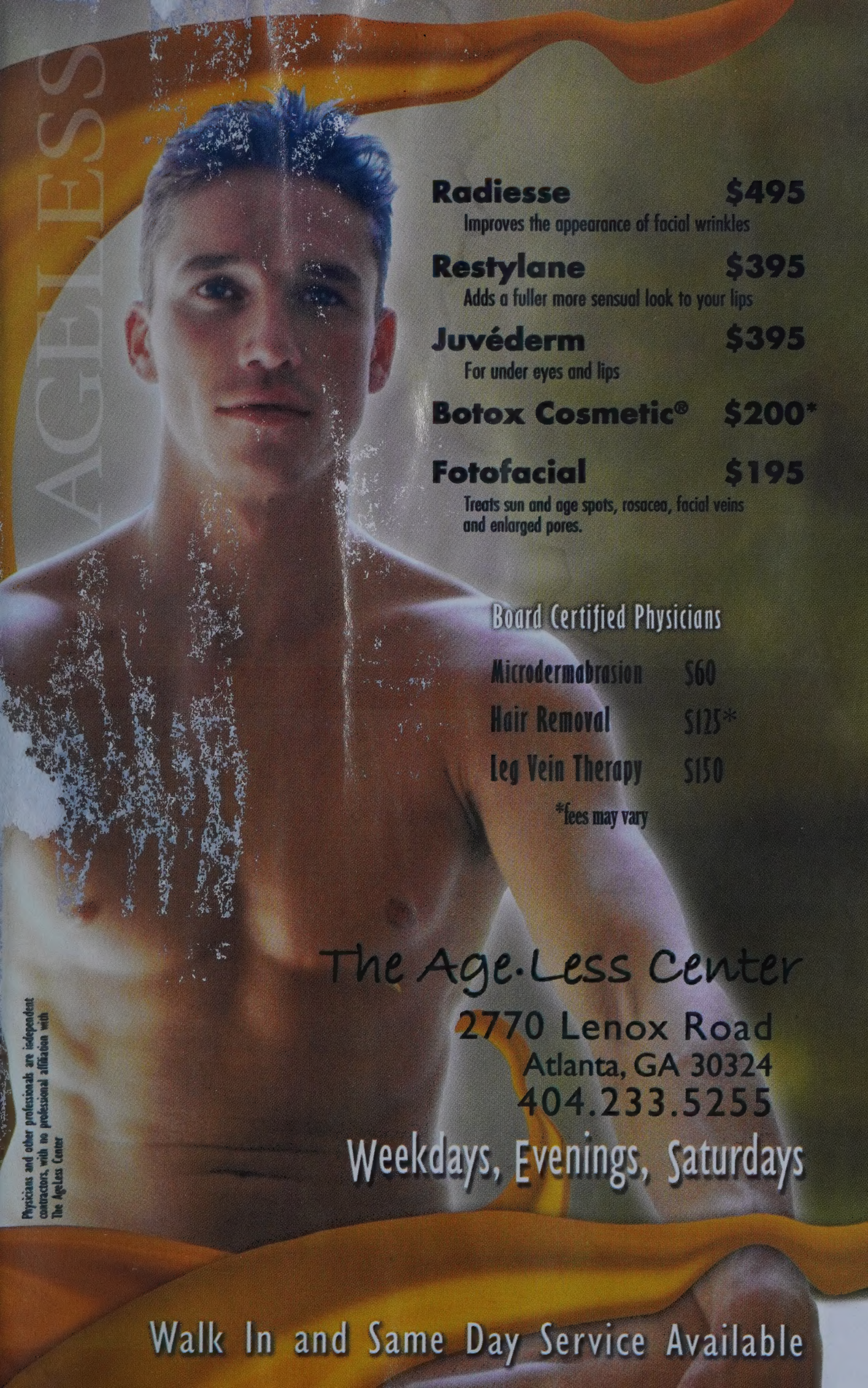

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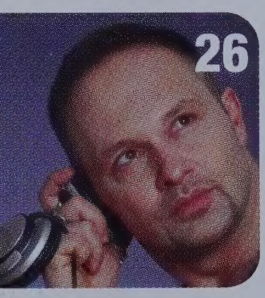

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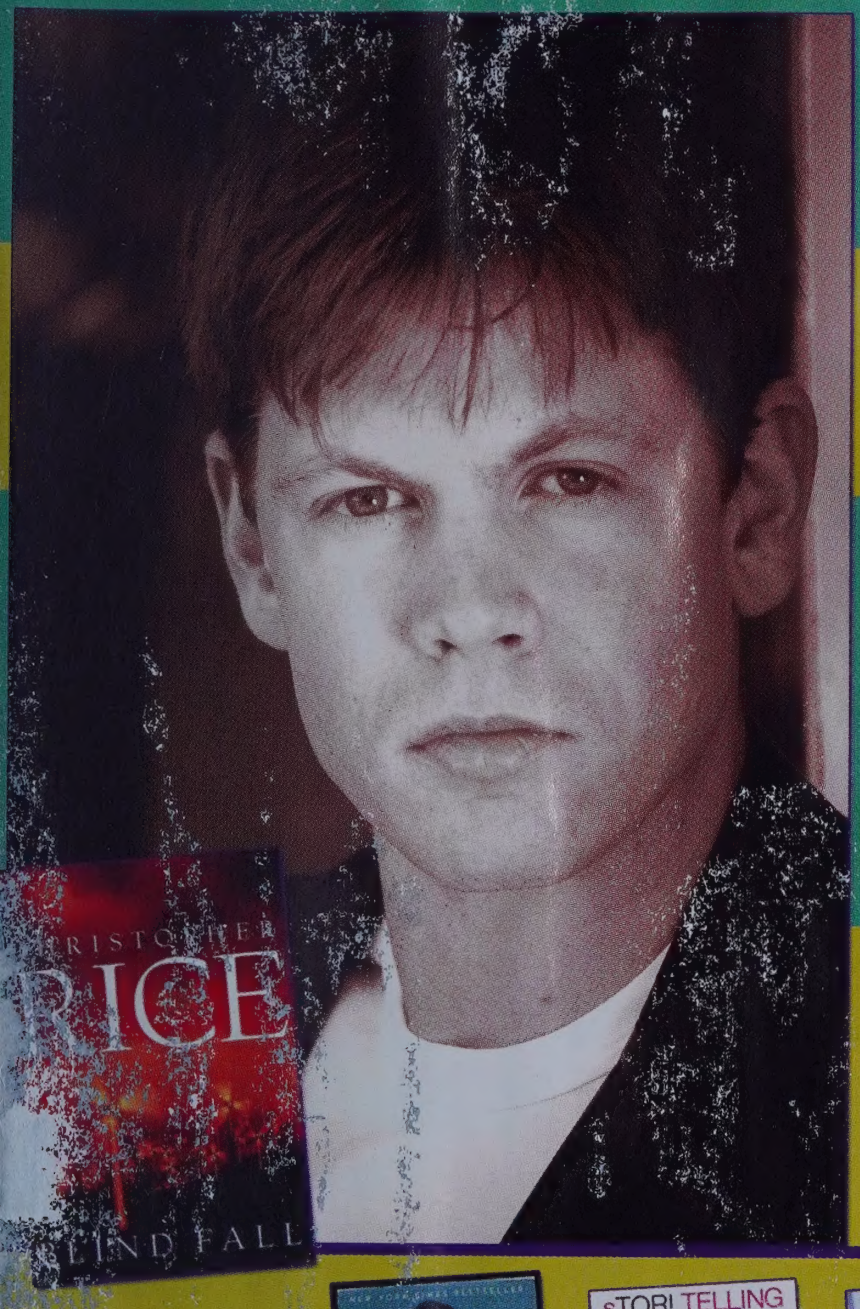

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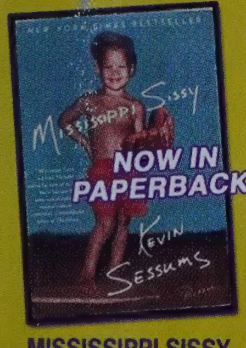

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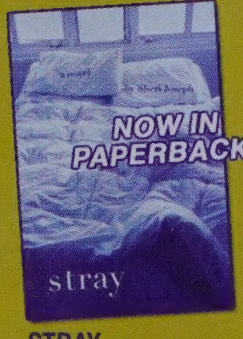

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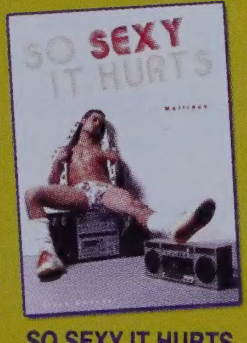

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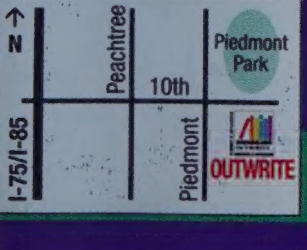

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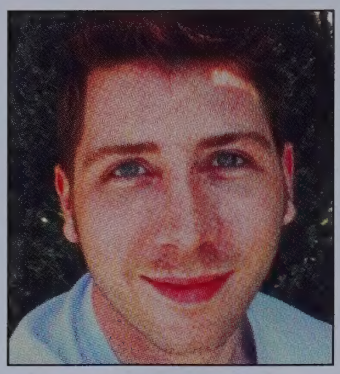

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BY TOPHER PAYNE

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Idealism without tough love only gets us so far

WE'VE SEEN THIS "HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER tomorrow" campaign before. Our very own Jimmy Carter was another idealistic Democrat who ran a campaign based on optimism and dreams for America's future.

Carter's election was part of America's recovery from Watergate — a complete changing of the guard in Washington. Carter didn't play those political games. He was a plain-spoken peanut-lovin' God-fearin' sweet Southern gent who was gonna shake things up.

It didn't work out that way. Those political games continued to be played, only he wasn't qualified to participate. They handed him his ass, and he was out of office in four years.

Idealism is all well and good, but we need someone who can do the damn job. I mean come on y'all, anyone who's ever had fumbling, awkward sex with a virgin will tell you: experience does matter.

This year, we have the option of an experienced candidate: Sen. Hillary Clinton.

HILLARY HAS BEEN STIGMATIZED FOR HER years of public service as First Lady. The comparison has been made that by Hillary's standards, Laura Bush would be ready to lead our country on Day One. Well, no.

Hillary used her position to further public policy, including broadening our reach internationally and her attempts to revolutionize the American health care industry. Laura has spent eight years sneaking Parliament Lights in the Rose Garden and perfecting an expression of glazed compliance Pat Nixon would have envied.

Hillary's not perfect. No politician is. Hell, no person is. But she's an advocate for us, and for so many other Americans who have spent the last eight years being completely ignored.

And then there's Barack.

In one of the first Democratic debates, back when there were still like 60 people onstage vying for the nomination, the moderator brought up the subject of AIDS. Sen. Joe Biden stressed the importance of everyone being tested, as both he and Barack Obama had done.

Obama jumped in, clarifying that he had been tested for HIV with his wife, not with Sen. Biden. Everyone onstage had a good chuckle at this, except for Hillary, whose face seemed to mirror my primary thought: "Was that really necessary, dickwad?"

I mean, was there an actual risk of anyone thinking Barack and Joe had a little something kickin' on the DL? Is it not OK for two straight guys to get tested together?

Oh, I get it. He was kidding. One of those little "gay panic" jokes which give people permission to laugh at us. I remember those from junior high. They're an expression of fear and ignorance. Ha fucking ha.

HILLARY CLINTON HAS BEEN THE PUNCHLINE of an endless number of dyke jokes over the years, and yet she doesn't treat them as insults. Childish and pointless, but not hurtful.

She still marches in our parades and defends our community. Plus, her fundraisers don't include entertainment by a gospel singer who preaches about God delivering him from the "curse" of homosexuality, unlike Sen. Obama's tacit approval of Donnie McClurkin.

Like many of the straight people in her generation, Hillary's still learning about us, and acknowledging mistakes of the past. Based on analysis from military advisors, her husband enacted the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in our armed forces during his administration.

The result was a disaster, and Sen. Clinton is the first to admit it. It is far past time to honor the patriotism and sacrifice of gay men and lesbians serving our country. As Clinton herself said, "Soldiers need to shoot straight, not be straight."

I don't think Obama's The Great Satan. I think he genuinely loves this country and has a lot of good ideas. But I fear that's all they'll ever be. We need a woman of action, with proof of her dedication.

Hillary fought to extend the Victims Compensation Fund to the partners of those who died in 9/11, an unprecedented act recognizing the lives we lead together have value. She piloted the mission to stop Republicans from writing discrimination into the Constitution. She intends to grant full federal benefits to same-sex couples (while leaving marriage laws up to individual states), and will assure nothing stands in the way of us adopting children in need.

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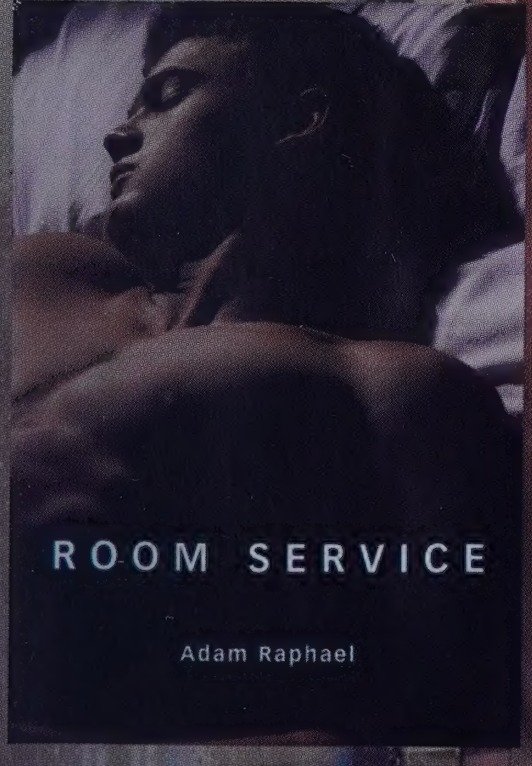

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'Splash' into me

David Bromstad colors his way into Atlanta's heart

THERE'S A REASON HGTV'S DAVID BROMSTAD called his home design and makeover show "Color Splash."

"I think color's a huge importance," says Bromstad, the adorable gay interior designer with the fabulously fun personality and the eye-popping biceps.

"Color can make or break a room," he says. "The lay of a room is also huge, and bringing in your personality or a sense of humor to a room is really exciting."

That ability to bring a sense of humor and approachability to his designs is part of what carried Bromstad through to the top of the heap of the first season of "Design Star," the HGTV reality competition series that led to his three-seasons-and-counting run on "Color Splash."

Bromstad, for his part, still finds his success hard to believe, though he's loving every minute of it.

"I am honestly blown away by everything, because I didn't have any expectations going into 'Design Star,'" he says. "Now that I won, I'm here and I'm thrilled with my new life."

HIS NEW LIFE INCLUDES A SPEAKING STINT AT the March 13-16 Atlanta Home Show. It also includes a phenomenon unique to the famous: people he's never met walking up to him on the street already knowing his name. It's something he's learning to adjust to as a fledgling celebrity.

"It's still weird," he says. "It's awesome, and I'm so grateful and blessed. It's growing as I'm on TV more and it's kind of overwhelming, but it's a cool feeling."

It's a feeling that's only likely to grow during his upcoming appearance in Atlanta. This is his first major speaking event, and he's not planning on doing much prep work in advance. He says he's not worried because improv is where he's the most comfortable.

"I have no plans," he says, "I'm just going to wing it. That's kind of how I work best. I really want to see what everyone really wants to hear from me."

He'll likely share part of the experience of working on his TV show, which for him is the ideal environment in which to flourish.

"I love my job, I love the people I work with, and we get to do designs in a really quick time frame," he says. "I'm kind of A.D.D. when it comes to my work, so if it gets too long and arduous, I get really bored, but this is such a quick turnaround. We do a makeover in two days, so it's fast and furious. It's exactly how I like to work."

HIS LIGHTHEARTED APPROACH TO DESIGN — "I don't like to treat it so seriously," he says. "You should look at a room and feel great, not just like you can't touch it" — has also opened new doors for him, like the opportunity to design for and walk in last fall's Fashion Week in New York.

"It was awesome," says Bromstad of walking in a Peanuts fashion show with his Red Barron-themed dog carrier. "It was probably one of the best experiences I've ever had, walking down the runway with my design."

He's not making the career move to runway model just yet — "I'm too old," says the easily runway-worthy Bromstad — but he says when it comes to design, the sky's the limit.

"I wouldn't mind getting my hands dirty in everything," he says. "I love design, whether it be fashion, interior, exteriors, clothing. Anything."

Speaking of getting dirty, we had to ask one last, very us, question: Is he single? Sorry boys, he's taken, by someone he knew before he was even famous. Damn.

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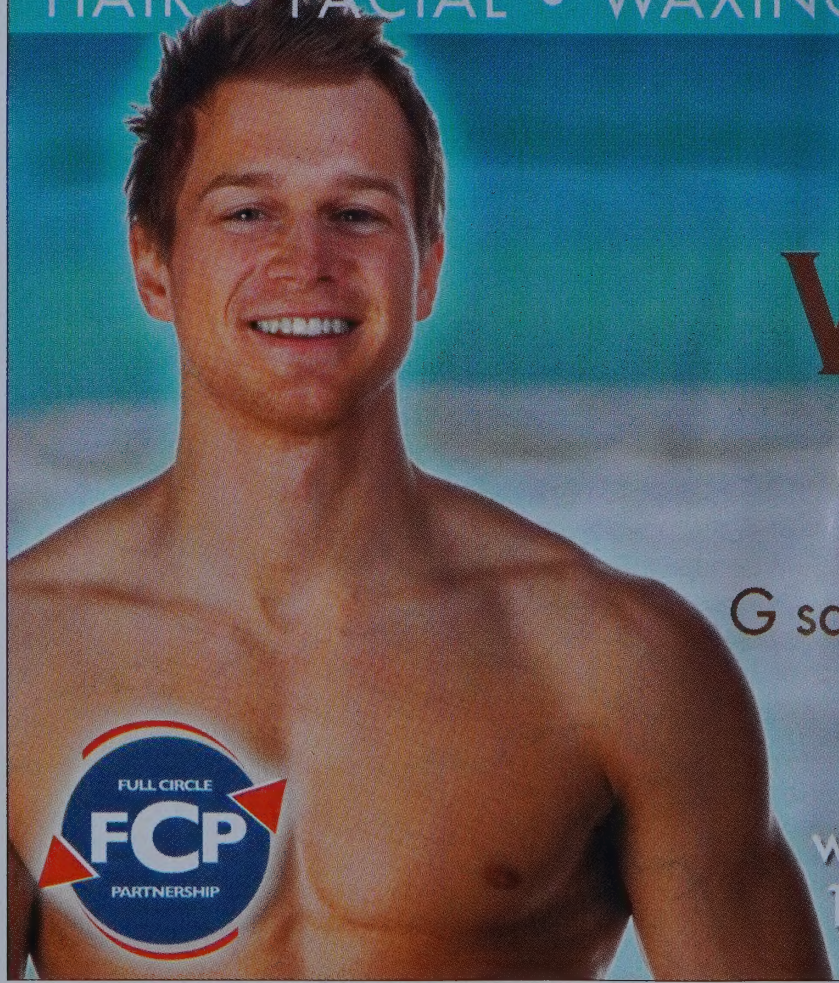

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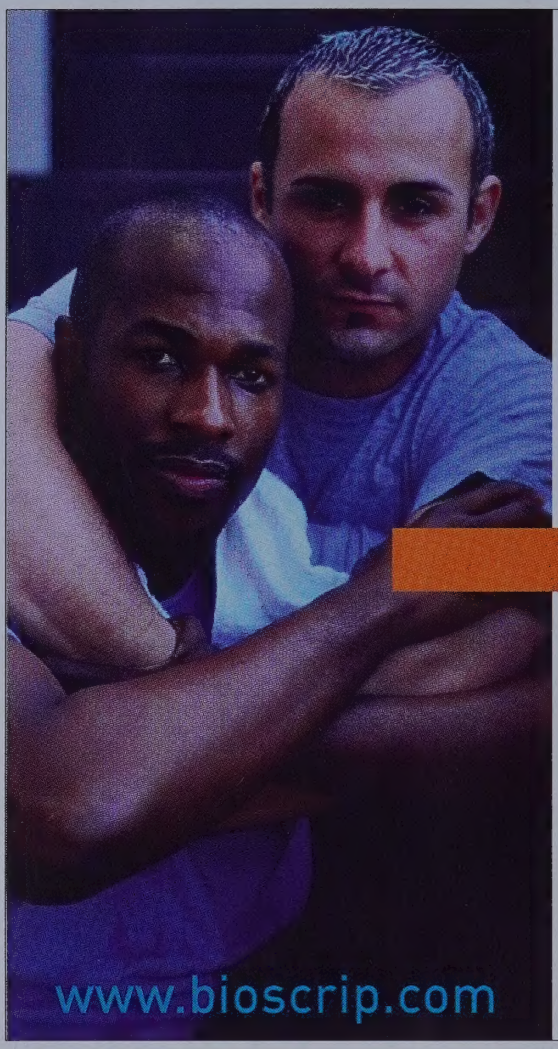

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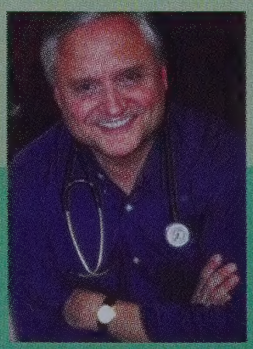

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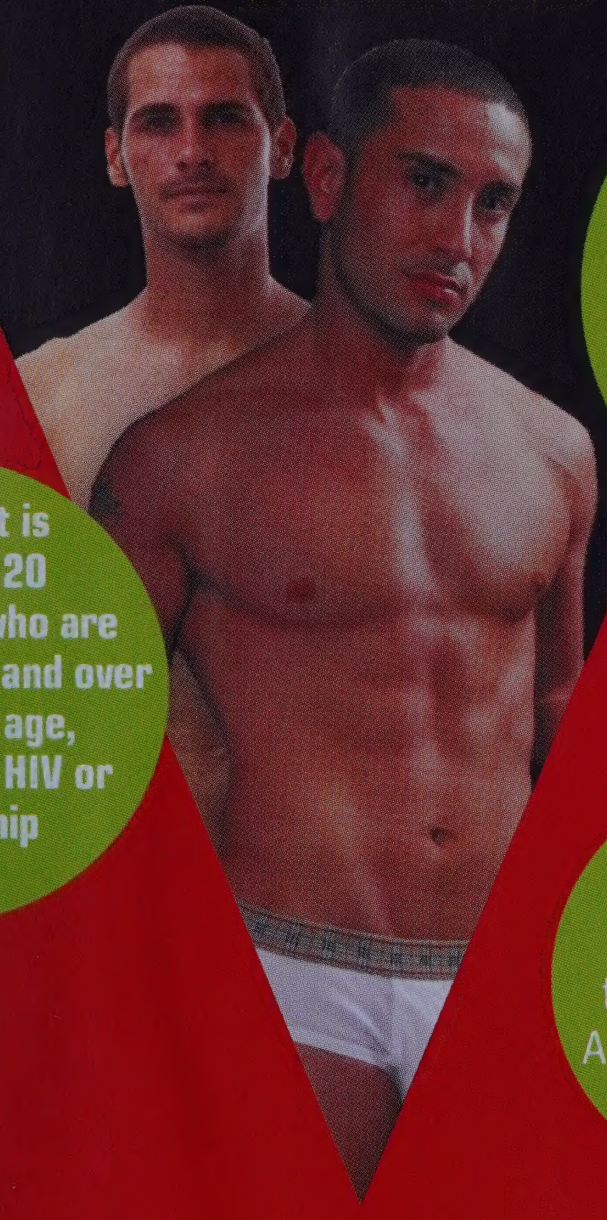

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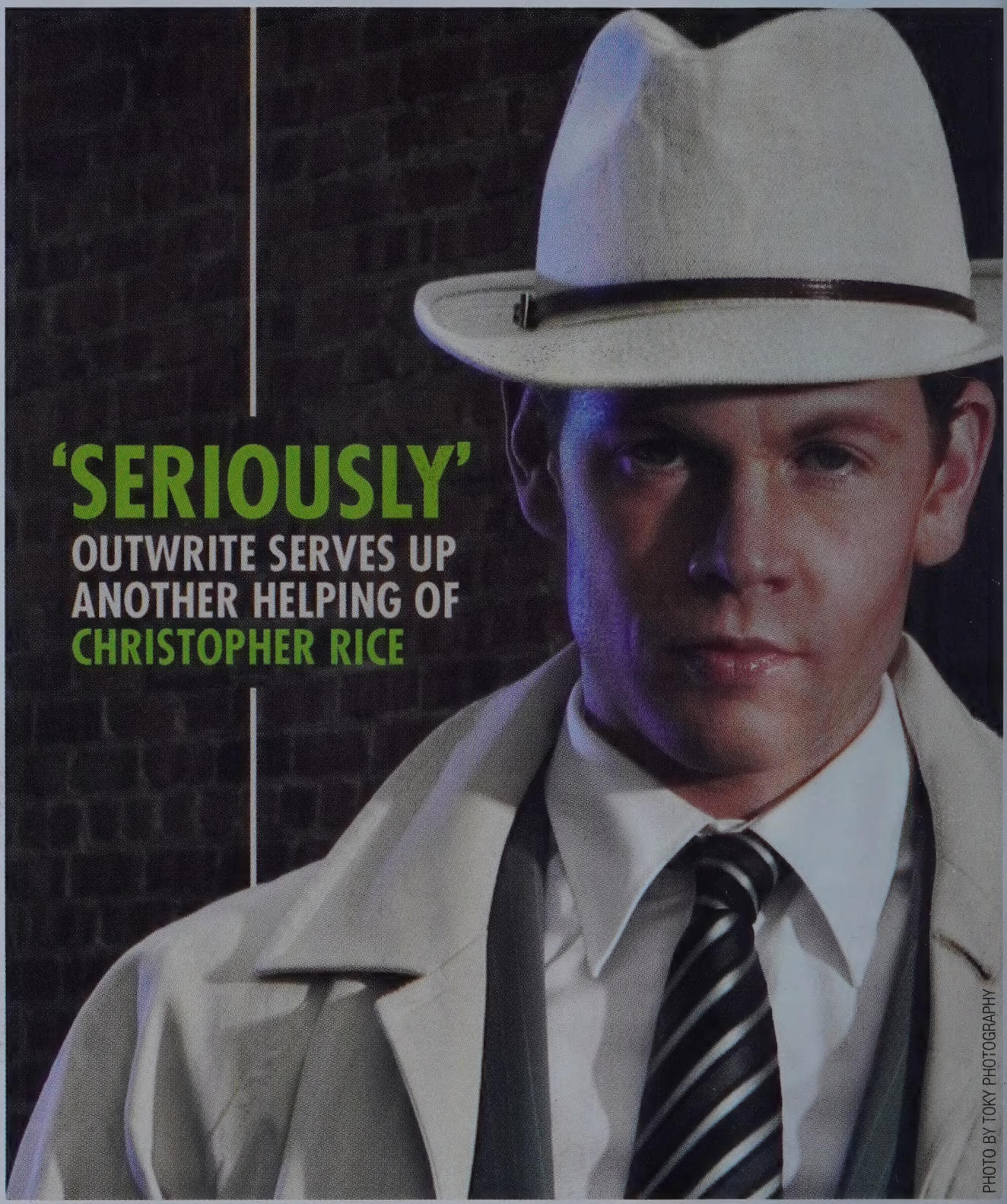

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OUTWRITE SERVES UP ANOTHER HELPING OF CHRISTOPHER RICE

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DON'T CALL CHRISTOPHER RICE A "GAY Author." Seriously, call him whatever he wants; the boy works out, a lot.

"I don't like the title gay writer," says the 30-year-old gay man who earns his living writing books that often feature gay characters.

Rice will be in town at Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse on Tuesday, March 18, promoting his new book, "Blind Fall."

And the book title and jacket isn't the only thing to change since his last visit. Gone is the thin young man who looked like a teenager well into his 20s. In his place comes an undeniable adult who hits the gym as much as he does his keyboard. His daily routine revolves around writing, working out, playing with his newly adopted cat, and dating.

Just because he's a writer, don't look for him behind an expensive coffee beverage and a laptop at a Starbucks near his L.A. home.

"We have a Starbucks out here that is like our big gay Starbucks, and I've gone in there a couple of times to use the Internet to do research," Rice says. "That's about all I can do

in one of those places. There's always those guys who you just know are surfing Manhunt, looking for a hookup."

Much of that research for the new thriller "Blind Fall" centered on the lives of gay Marines. In the book, a straight Marine must protect his former mentor's partner after a vicious murder.

"When I was growing up in Louisiana, I thought (gay Marines) was just something that happened in porn," he says.

ONCE RICE MADE HIS WAY TO HOLLYWOOD AND out of the famous writing shadows of his mother ("Vampire Chronicles" author) Anne Rice and father (poet Stan Rice), he found not only do real Marines exist, but they liked him — really liked him.

"Think when I was younger, and thinner, and girlier. I was attractive to these military guys," Rice says. "It opened me up to this world that they moved into this sort of netherworld."

Gay Starbucks and the attentions of men in uniform aside, Rice says he fell in love with his new home in Los Angeles. Good thing, because as a New Orleans native, much of his old stomping grounds washed away with Katrina.

"I went back for the first time in I guess a few years, and it just floored me," he says. "I had a rental car, and I drove through Lakeview, and that was just unforgettable for me."

Going home again also dug up memories of a childhood, unlike most of the gay characters he writes, that included both a loving mother and father.

"I don't know why [his characters are often cut off by their parents] though, because that's not an aspect of my life at all. My Mom and I have a very close relationship, and I was close to my father until he died," Rice says. "I'm fascinated by rebels and loners in my fiction, and the best way to do is to take them away from their families."

THE WHIRLWIND TOUR THAT TAKES RICE through Atlanta schedules him in a five cities in five days next week, so don't expect to see him out afterward.

"It's kind of wonderful in a way — if I just surrender to it and just go with the fact that I'll get three hours of sleep a night."

And as a man who has seen the inside of almost every gay bookstore in the country, he holds Outwrite in high regard.

"Outwrite is one of the best, if not the best, gay bookstore in the country," he says. "Seriously."

Christopher Rice reads from 'Blind Fall' at 8 p.m. on March 18 at Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082, www.outwrite.com

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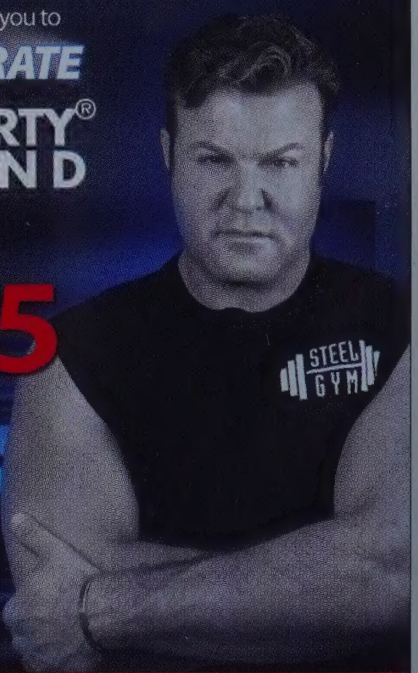

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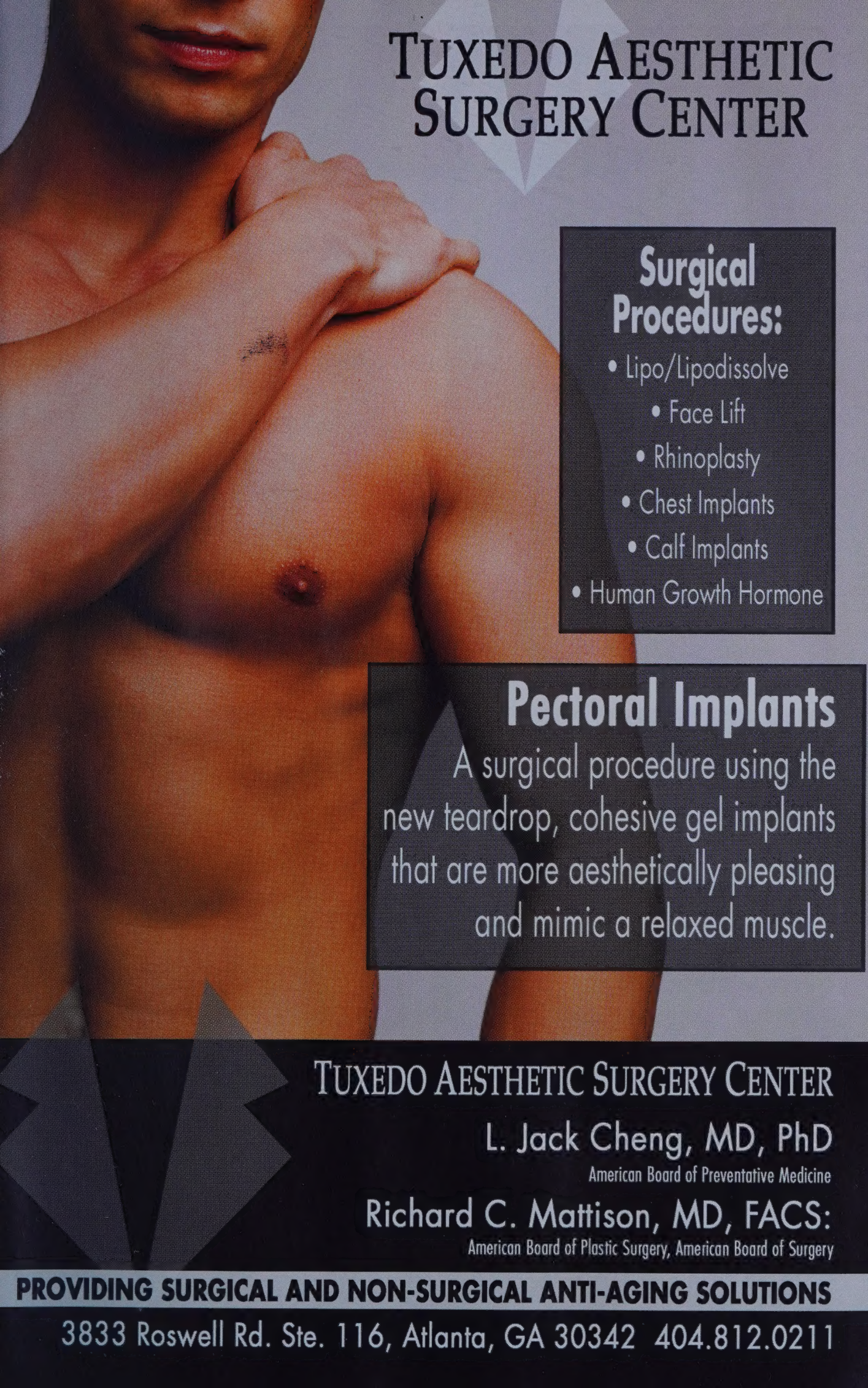

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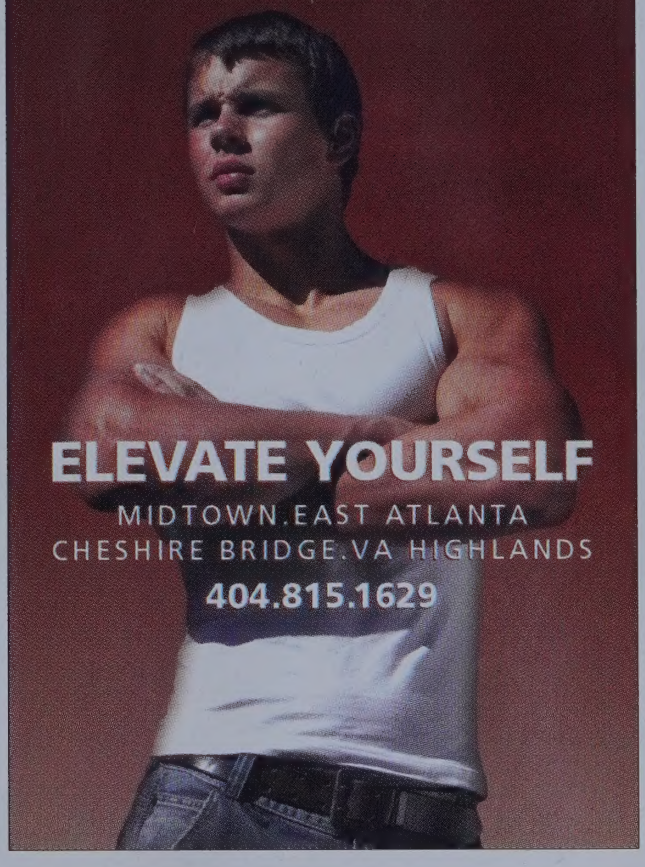

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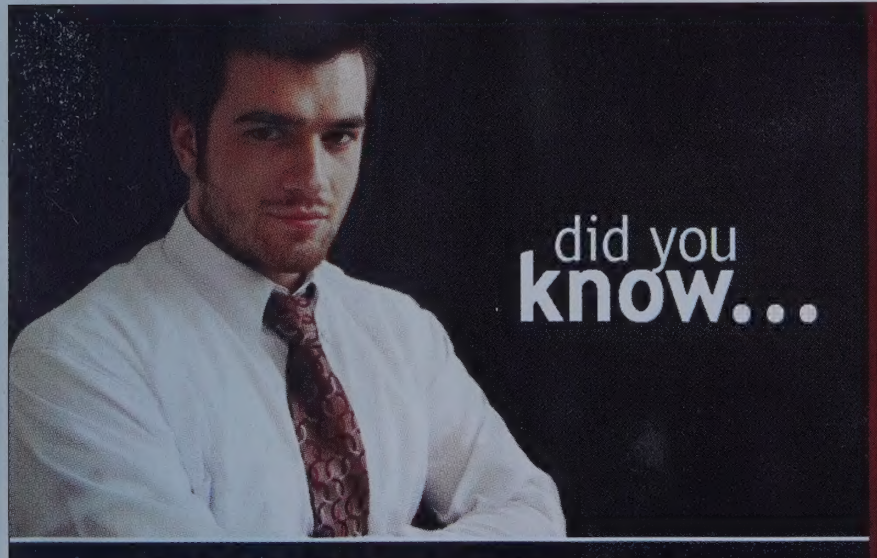

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WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS. THIS WEEKEND IN Atlanta, that old maxim applies to superstar DJs pouring into town from all corners.

Three of the city's hottest venues plan to pack their dance floors to the rafters, and we've got the skinny on all of them.

The Heretic and the Bodyshop join forces for a night of dance floor fabulosity on Saturday, March 15, tapping spectacular L.A. DJs and friends DJ Alexander and DJ Paulo to rock the respective houses. WETbar brings uber-popular Gomi the same night.

The Heretic's general manager Alan Collins, who also heads up the Bodyshop venue, can barely contain his enthusiasm at the amount of talent headed his way.

"Wow, am I excited!" he says. "The Heretic has never offered a DJ of this caliber before. Don't get me wrong, we have the best local resident DJs and always have, but this is the first time the Heretic has booked someone like Alexander."

Collins says it's all part of the plan to up the ante in an always-in-flux bar and club scene.

"We're trying to do something a little different with the ever-changing nightlife in Atlanta, giving people alternatives by bringing in the big boys."

SINCE THERE'S NO WAY ONE VENUE could contain all those hot beats, the Hereticteams up with its sister venue, late night spot the Bodyshop, and Fernando Jardim's Carioca party promotions to keep the party going way into the a.m. with DJ Paulo. The beat master couldn't be more excited to come back to Atlanta.

"They party hard," says Paulo of the boys who frequent our city's dance floors. "I've always liked Atlanta."

Paulo's not planning on mapping out his set from beginning to end — he likes to play it a little by ear, he says — but he's got some idea of what it's going to take to rock the Atlanta boys.

"I just bring a lot of music and kind of see where the crowd goes with it," he says. "I always like playing edgy, but playing enough songs that people know, but different versions of them to keep it interesting."

Of all the types of parties he's played in the past, many of which were right here in Hotlanta, Paulo says late-nights are his favorite, because everyone's loosened up and in the mood to hear him experiment.

"I really like to do anything after two in the morning when the people have had a couple drinks and are a little more open to experimental sounds and hearing new stuff," says Paulo.

He says he's also willing to take a cue from his friend Alexander, who plays the Heretic that night. If you're lucky, you might just catch Paulo on the Heretic dance floor before he heads to Bodyshop — all in the name of his art, of course.

"I'm going to the party [at the Heretic] to see what kind of energy I'm going to follow," he says.

For these superstars, playing off one another isn't new, but it's guaranteed to be fun.

"Alex and I work together all the time, spinning back to back," Paulo says. "He's one of the few DJs I'll do that with, because we feed off each other's energy. I know his sound, and he knows mine. We're still different enough to have our own sounds, but it's still kind of in the same ballpark so that we can kind of mix things up."

Collins, for one, can't wait.

"This is going to be an amazing night," he says. "Atlanta isn't used to getting this much talent in one night. It's gonna be hot."

AND JUST IN CASE TWO HOT DJ ISN'T ENOUGH for you dancing queens out there, WETbar brings in its own ringer, the super fun DJ Gomi. The New York boy may come from the opposite coast as Paulo and Alexander, but he has no trouble matching his colleagues beat for beat.

"We love when Gomi comes to town," says WETbar's general manager Krystee Manifold. "He's so sweet, and so much fun."

Strap on your dancing shoes Saturday, March 15. Gomi: 10 p.m. at WETbar, 960 Spring St., wetbaratlanta.com; Alexander: 10 p.m. at Heretic, 2069 Cheshire Bridge, hereticatlanta.com; Paulo: 2 a.m. at the Bodyshop, 2675 Johnson Road. bodyshopatlanta.com

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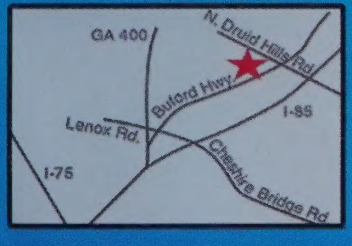

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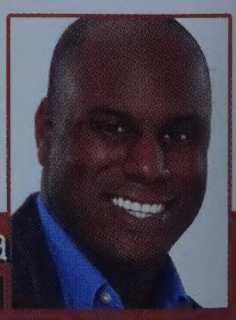

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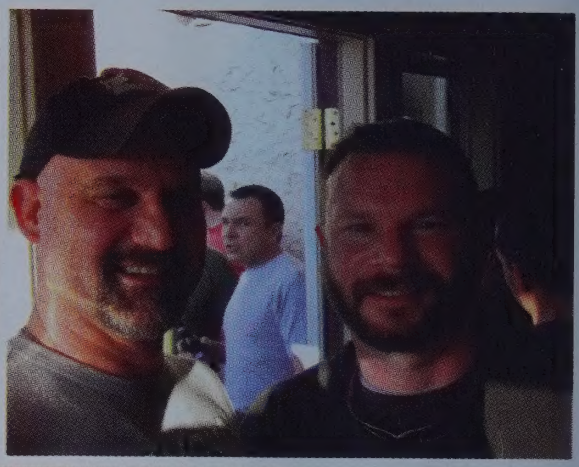

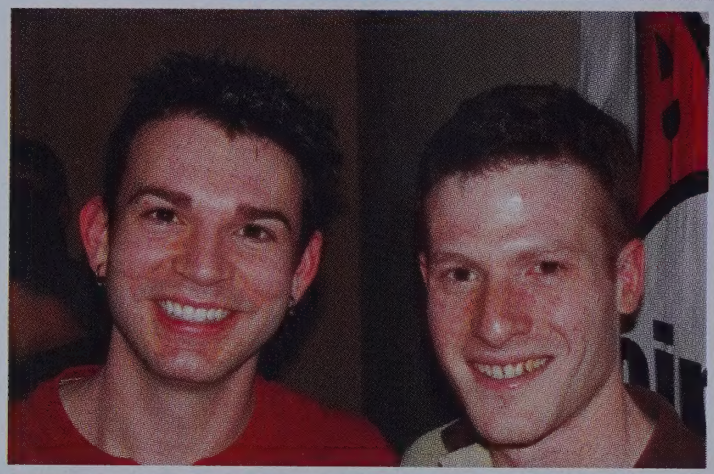

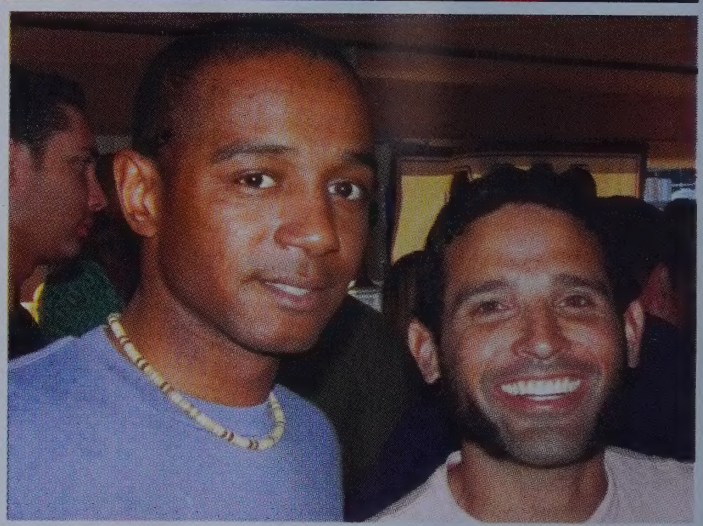

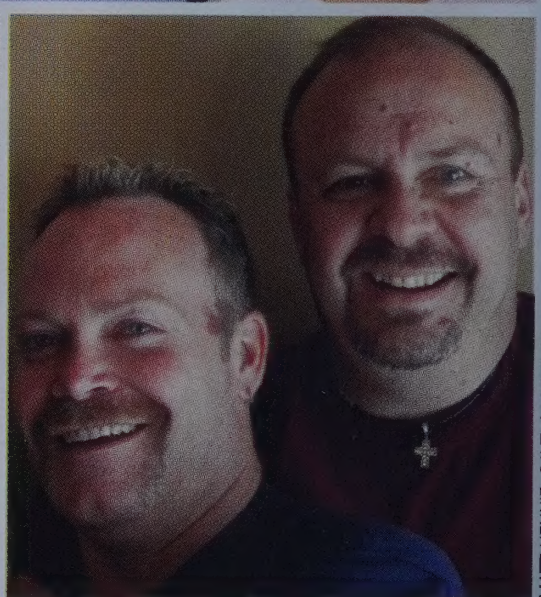

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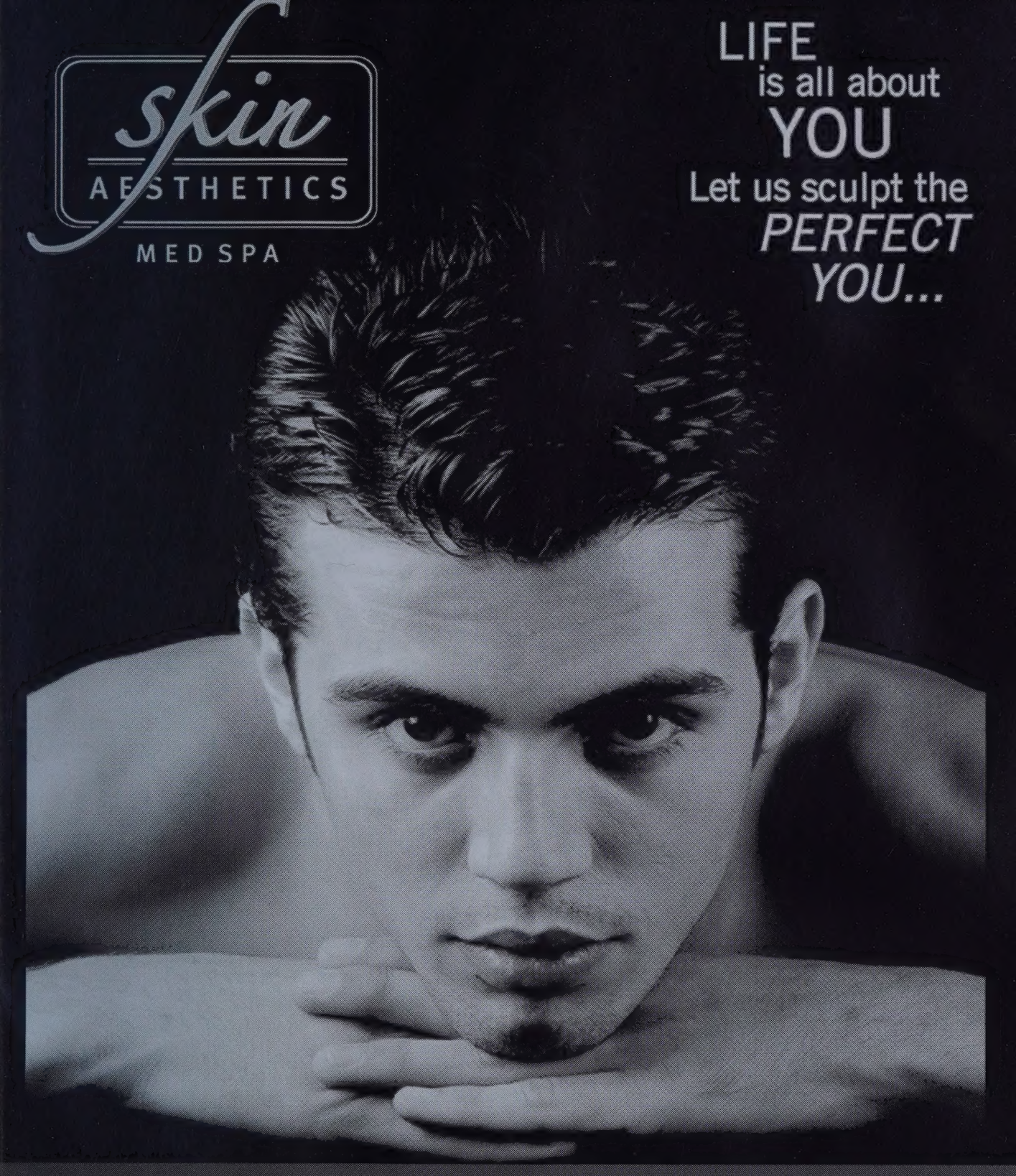

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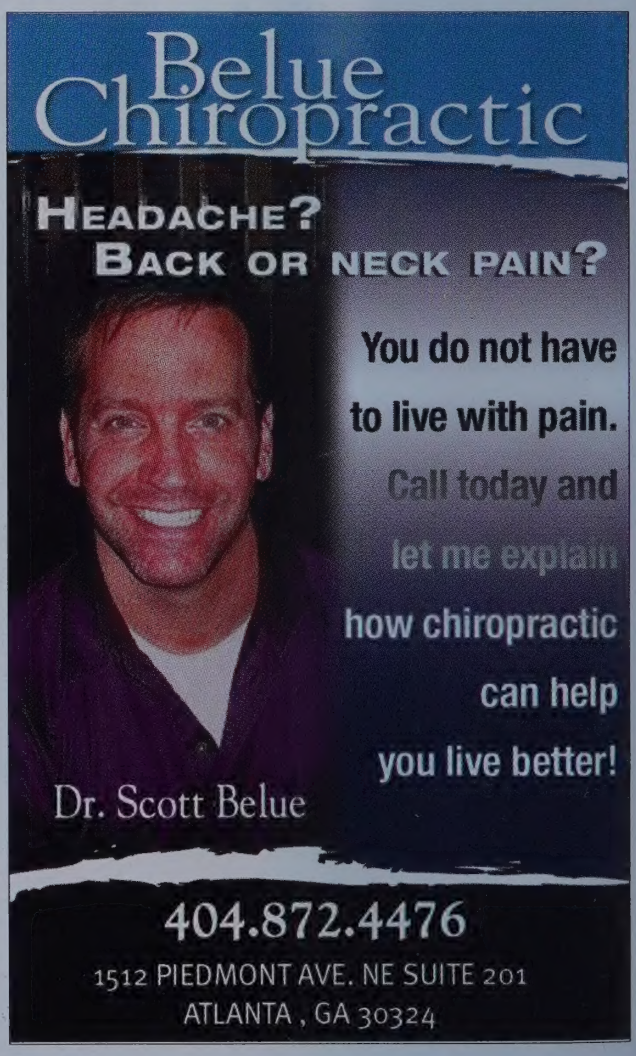
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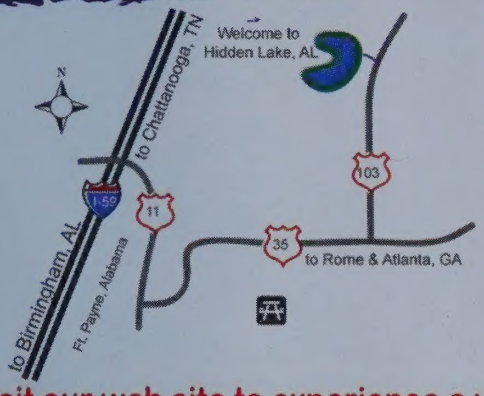

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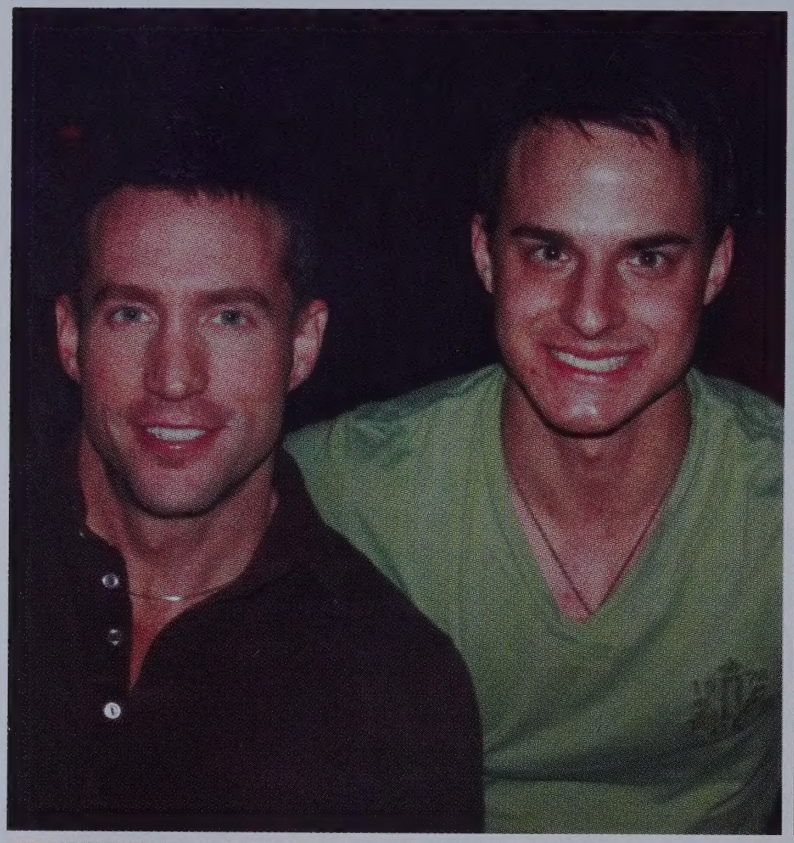

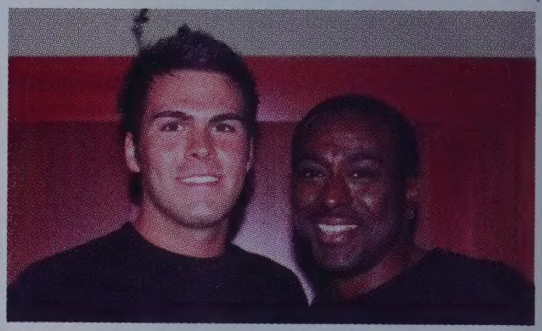

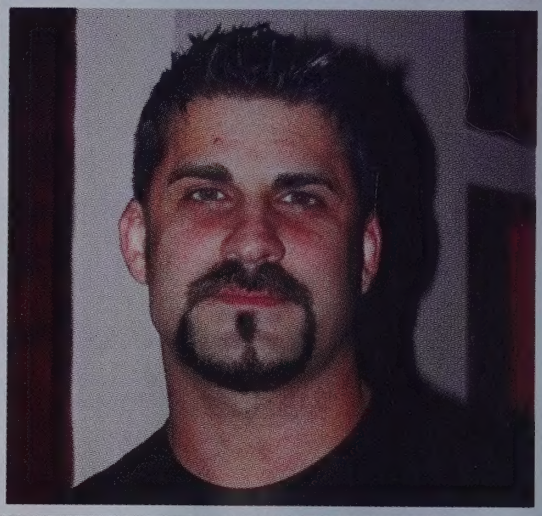

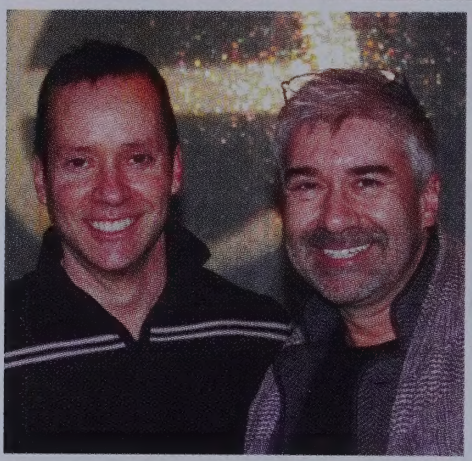

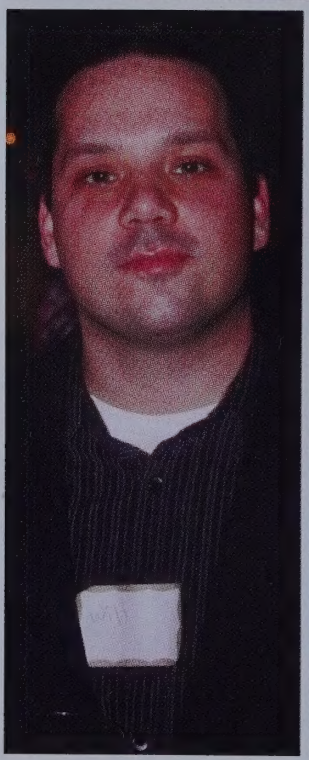

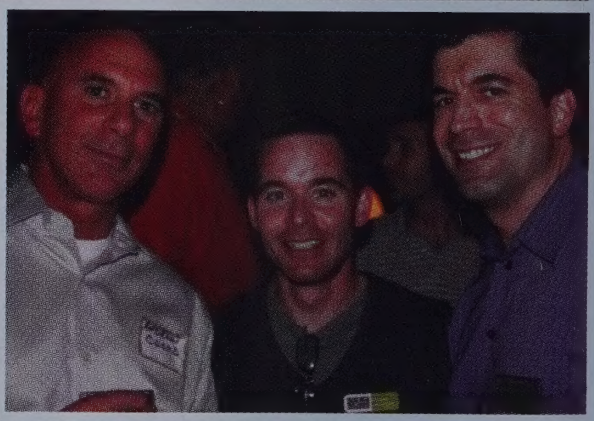

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BIG DYK

Now is the time on "Sprockets" when we dance! **Paul van Dyk** hits us with his infamous euro-electro, one of the less frightening aspects of German culture. *Thursday, March 13, 9 p.m. at Opera, 1150 Peachtree St. www.operatlanta.com*

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DJS A-GO-GO

DJ Gomi (pictured with pooch) may be upping the "Awww" factor at WETbar, but he's not the only one making the dance floor bounce this Saturday. **DJ Alexander** holds the leash at Heretic, and **DJ Paulo** keeps the dogs howling until morning (see story on Page 26). *Saturday, March 15. Gomi: 10 p.m. at WETbar, 960 Spring St. 404-745-9494, www.wetbaratlanta.com. Alexander: 10 p.m. at Heretic, 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road. 404-325-3061, www.hereticatlanta.com. Paulo: 2 a.m. at the Bodyshop, 2675 Johnson Road. www.bodyshopatlanta.com*

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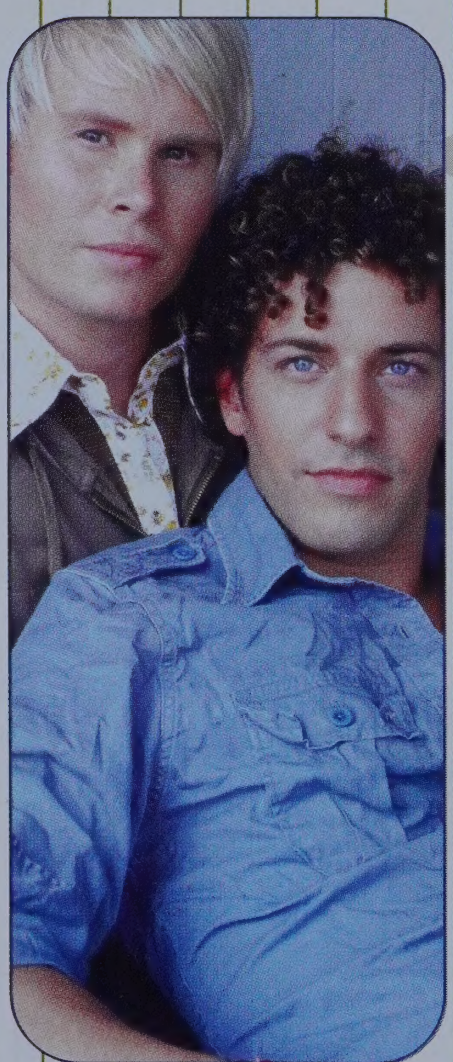


JASON & DEMARCO PHOTO BY SCOTT ASHTON; BOB MOULD COURTESY ANTI RECORDS

HOLY CUTIES, BATMAN

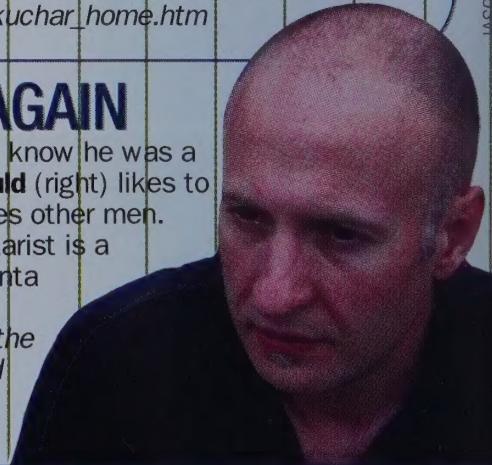
For those who take their gay pop love songs with a little faith and inspiration, Pride favorites **Jason & deMarco** (left) stop by a gay-friendly Marietta church to sweeten up two morning services and an afternoon concert. *Sunday, March 16, 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 2 p.m. at Unity North Atlanta, 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. 678-819-9100, www.unitynorth.org*

QUEER CLIPS

Uber-legendary queer filmmaker **George Kuchar** stops in Atlanta for three events on his work, including **'Hold Me While I'm Naked,'** considered by many as his masterpiece. *Tuesday, March 18, 8 p.m. at 206 White Hall, Emory University. Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m., 101 White Hall, Emory University. Friday, March 21, 8 p.m. at Eyedrum Gallery, 290 MLK Jr Drive SE. www.eyedrum.org, andel.home.mindspring.com/kuchar_home.htm*

HÜSKER DÜ IT AGAIN

With today's look, you'd hardly know he was a hair-band pioneer, but **Bob Mould** (right) likes to rock almost as much as he likes other men. Yup, the former Hüsker Dü guitarist is a homo, and he's headed to Atlanta behind his latest solo effort. *Tuesday, March 18, 8 p.m. at the Variety Playhouse, 1099 Euclid Ave. variety-playhouse.com, www.ticketmaster.com*



HOT DATES

03.13 **SEXYBACK:** The **Wayne Fishell Experiment** strips it down and heats things up on stage with **UkuLady**. *8 p.m. at LeBuzz, 585 Franklin Road, Marietta. www.ofishell.com, myspace.com/thewaynefishellexperiment*

03.13 **AT ATTENTION:** The Atlanta Executive Network welcomes **Aubrey Sarvis**, executive director of the **Servicemembers Legal Defense Network**. *5:45 p.m. at the Atlanta Marriott Suites Midtown, 35 14th St. NE. www.aen.org*

03.13-16 **SPLASH OF COLOR:** The Atlanta Home Show ups its hotness factor with HGTV host **David Bromstad** (see story on Page 14). *Georgia World Congress Center, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. www.atlantahomeshow.com*

03.14 **ON FILM: 'The Witnesses,'** a film exploring open relationships and the onset of the AIDS crisis, begins a one-week run in Atlanta. *Landmark Midtown Art Cinema, 931 Monroe Drive. 678-495-1424, www.landmarktheatres.com*

03.15 **HAVE A BALL:** Dress in costume for the annual **Purim on Ponce** masquerade benefiting the Rainbow Center. *8 p.m. – 12 a.m. at le Moulin Rouge at Paris on Ponce, 716 Ponce de Leon Place NE. www.therainbowcenter.org*

03.15 **GIRL'S BEST FRIEND: Diamond Lil** brings her Southern charm to the stage. *9:30 p.m. at Lenny's Bar & Grill, 486 Decatur St. SE. 404-577-7721, www.lennysbar.com*

03.17 **NEW LE BUZZ:** It's 18 to party, 21 to drink at the grand re-opening of the new **LeBuzz** with Charlie Brown and Brent Star, special guests, and the real kicker, free food. *7 p.m. – 3 a.m. at LeBuzz, 585 Franklin Road, Marietta. 770-424-1337, www.thenewlebuzz.com*

03.18 **RICE QUEEN:** Writer Christopher Rice drops by with his new book, **'Blind Fall.'** (See story on Page 20) *8 p.m. at Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082, www.outwritebooks.com*

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Please submit calendar entries no later than 5 p.m. on Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Send your listings to editor@davidatlanta.com. PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

THU 03.13

AMSTERDAM. Smirnoff martini, margarita specials.
BJ ROOSTERS. Drive-in Comedy & Pizza with Scotty
BLAKE'S. Live music 7-9 p.m., Crazy Sexy Cool, 11 p.m.
BULLDOG'S. Hip-hop, R&B and house music, 8 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Princess Charles' Fashionistas, 11 p.m.
CLUB 708. Male/female review, dance party, 18 +, 10 p.m.
EAGLE. Underwear Night w/DJ Brett Long
FELIX'S. Karaoke with Johnny P. & Brett, 10 p.m.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Tini Thursdays
GILBERT'S. Live Latin Band / Dancing 10:30 p.m. -2 a.m.
HERETIC. Rapture with DJ Rick Walsh 10 p.m., no cover.
ICE ULTRA LOUNGE. Gay night w/ $5 martinis, 9 p.m.
JOE'S ON JUNIPER. Trivia, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
LE BUZZ. Ladies Night, 'Bad Boys and Babe' Show.
MARY'S. Rotating weekly theme nights.
MODEL T. Karaoke with Johnny P.
OSCARS. Country Thursdays Cowboys 'N Margaritas.
PARIS DECATUR. Boy's Night Out With Oyle, 6 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Live music w/ local performers
SWINGING RICHARDS. 2 for 1 at door & VIP rooms
3-LEGGED COWBOY. Line dance lessons, 8 p.m.
TRIPPS. "Atlanta Sex Sirens" with by Neasia, 11 p.m.
WETBAR. College Night, with Bill Berdeaux
THE WILD MUSTANG. Country line dance lessons, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
WOOFS. Daily Food Specials

FRI 03.14

AMSTERDAM. High energy videos, 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. BJ Boi Dancers with Hotrod and Scotty
BLAKE'S. Kitty LeClaw's MeowMix, 11 p.m.
BODYSHOP. Late-night dance party, 2 a.m.
BURKHART'S. Mary Edith Pitts' Show, 11:30.
CHAPARRAL. Latin Night with Jealouse, 10 p.m. - 4 a.m.
CLUB 708. Blackout Fridays, DJ JFK, male and female review, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
EAGLE. Cruise: Cruise & Dance w/DJ Brett Long
FELIX'S. Drink specials, divas at the square, 11 p.m.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Frisky Fridays.
HERETIC. DJ Rick Walsh, 10 p.m.
LE BUZZ. 'Fridaylicious' with Brent Star and the Ladies of Illusion.
MARY'S. "Boys' Room" with Stewart, 9 p.m.
MODEL T. Divas of Delusion.
OPUS 1. Men's Night Out Blackout Party, midnight.
OSCARS. Afternoon showtunes. "Martinis, Men & Music Videos," 9 p.m.
PARIS DECATUR. DJ Earnest Spins, starting at 6 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Texas Hold'em, karaoke at 9 p.m.
SWINGING RICHARDS. "2-4-1 T-Shirt Review."
3-LEGGED COWBOY. No cover, Country As We Can Git.
WETbar. Check website/ads for DJ for special events
THE WILD MUSTANG. Latin night w/Maxine Blue, 10 p.m.

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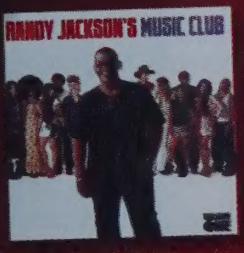
THU PRINCESS CHARLES' FASHIONISTAS showtime @ 11pm *starring Savannah Leigh, Sonique, Angelica D'Paige & Destiny Brooks*

FRI THE MARY EDITH PITTS SHOW showtime @ 11:30pm *Savannah Leigh, Angelica D'Paige , Alicia Kelly and Special Guest*

SAT THE MARY EDITH PITTS SHOW showtime @ 11:30pm *Jade Daniels, Angelica D'Paige, Maya Montana & Alicia Kelly*



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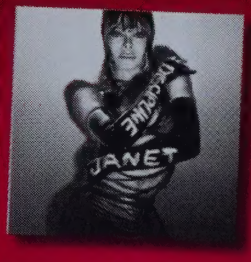

Janet Jackson
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Sat, Mar 15th

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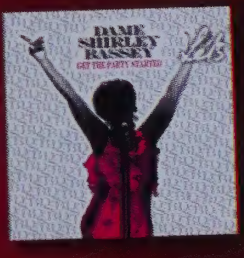

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Mon, Mar 17th

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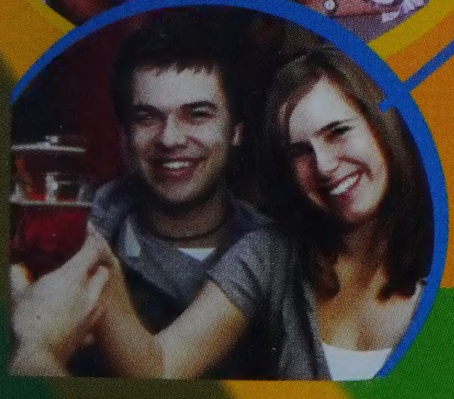

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SAT 03.15

AMSTERDAM. High energy videos starting at 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Start Here Saturday with Greg, Scotty and HotRod
BLAKE'S. Daring Divas, 11 p.m.
BODYSHOP. Late-night dance party, 2 a.m.
BURKHART'S. The Mary Edith Pitts Show with guests 11:30 p.m.
CLUB 708. Knockout Saturday. go-go dancers. 10p.m., 18 & up.
EAGLE. Cruise & Dance all night with DJ Pat Scott
FELIX'S. Mega Margaritas.
HERETIC. DJ Brian Beck at 9 p.m.
LEBUZZ. Saturday Night Fever.'
MARY'S. "Mary-oke" with CJ, 10 p.m.
MODEL T. The MODEL Tzz Girls.
OSCARS. High energy videos w/VJ Das Wright, 9 p.m.
PARIS DECATUR. Disco Inferno! 6 p.m.
SABROSO. Chyna Fox and the Glamazons, 10:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Stagedoor Divas and Tuckerettes
SWINGING RICHARDS. 2-4-1 T-Shirt review.
3-LEGGED COWBOY. No cover, Country As We Can Git.
TRAXX. The Legendary Traxx.
WETBAR. Special guest DJs
THE WILD MUSTANG. Line dance lessons, 8 p.m., $5 after 10 p.m.

SUN 03.16

AMSTERDAM. Amsterdames w/ Alexandria Martin, Gigi Monroe, and Billie Jean 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Sundies in your Undies Eye Candy. The werking stiffs with BossMan Bobby and Greg
BLAKE'S. "Big Time!" drag revue with Shabazz and more, 9 p.m.
BULLDOGS. Old school, house, R&B and hip hop.
BURKHART'S. Armorettes , 9 p.m.
CLUB 708. Afterparty, 18 & up, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
CLUB EUROPE. "Erotic Sunday's." Hip-Hp and R&B. 8 p.m. – 3 a.m.
FELIX'S. Bloody's and Mimosas.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Smirnoff Bloody Mary Bar, 1 - 6 p.m., Kitchen Classics 4 - 6 p.m.
GILBERT'S. Karaoke.
PARIS DECATUR. Sunday brunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., L Word with Julie 4 p.m. to Close
STAGE DOOR. Country line dancing and dart leagues, open 'til 3 a.m.
TRIPPS. Karaoke, 7 p.m.

MON 03.17

AMSTERDAM. Industry Night, 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Strip Glow Pool or Come Watch.
BLAKE'S. Drag on the Edge, Stomp the Park, 11 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Karaoke with Mary Edith Pitts, 10:30 p.m.
EAGLE. Free pool.
FELIX'S. Sitcom Trivia w/prizes, 8:30pm
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Industry Night 10 p.m.
HERETIC. Free Pool & Darts 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. with DJ, 10 p.m.
LeBUZZ. Movie Night.
MARQUETTE. Peek-a-boo male review. 18 & up, 10 p.m. 868 Simpson Road.
MARY'S. Monday Mayhem, theme nights and movies with bartender Zac. 10 p.m.
NICKIEMOTO'S. "Dragamaki" w/Bubba D. Licious, 8:45 p.m.

OSCARS. College Appreciation and Service Industry Night, 9 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Open mic night and free pool
WOOFS. Texas Hold-Em.

TUE 03.18

AMSTERDAM. Showtunes, 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Tuffpuppy Tini Tuesdays.
BLAKE'S. Drag Gone Wild, 11 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Mary Edith Pitts' Family Feud, 11 p.m., Karaoke, 12:30 a.m.
CLUB 708. "Walk it In" Tuesdays.
EAGLE. Free pool.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Smirnoff Tini Tuesdays specials.
HERETIC. Movies & Drinks with Neal & Paul, 9 p.m.
JOE'S ON JUNIPER. Trivia with Tom, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
LE BUZZ. Karaoke Night, plus 'Drag O Rama' hosted by Brent Star.
MARY'S. "Mary-oke" with CJ, 10 p.m.
MODEL T. "069 Bingo" with Ken
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PARIS DECATUR. Tasteful Tuesdays with Moonshine (open mic, drag, and LIVE music)
STAGE DOOR. Texas Hold 'Em,
SWINGING RICHARDS. $5, 8 p.m.
3-LEGGED COWBOY. Beginning 2-step lessons, 8 p.m. Country music follows.
THE WILD MUSTANG. Free spaghetti dinner buffet, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Beginning two-step lessons 7 p.m., Intermediate at 8 p.m.
TRAXX. 'Thugged Out Tuesdays,'
WOOFS. Daily Food Specials.

WED 03.19

AMSTERDAM. All-day Long Island Tea specials.
BAZZAAR. Drag is so Bazzaar, 11 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Werk it Gurl with HotRod and Greg
BLAKE'S. "Brain Freeze" trivia w/Ruby Redd, 11 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Karaoke with Shavonna B. Brooks, 10:30 p.m.
CLUB 708. Mini Ball Runway.
EAGLE. Service Industry Night
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LeBUZZ. 'The Ultimate Bitch' Charlie Brown's Hump Show.
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WOOFS. Trivia Night, 8 p.m.

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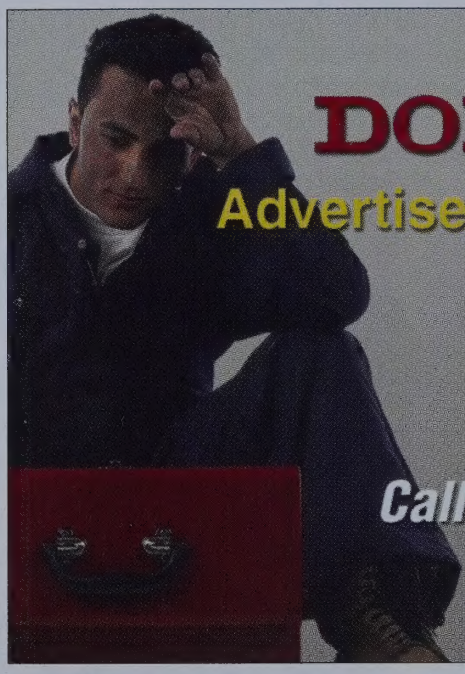

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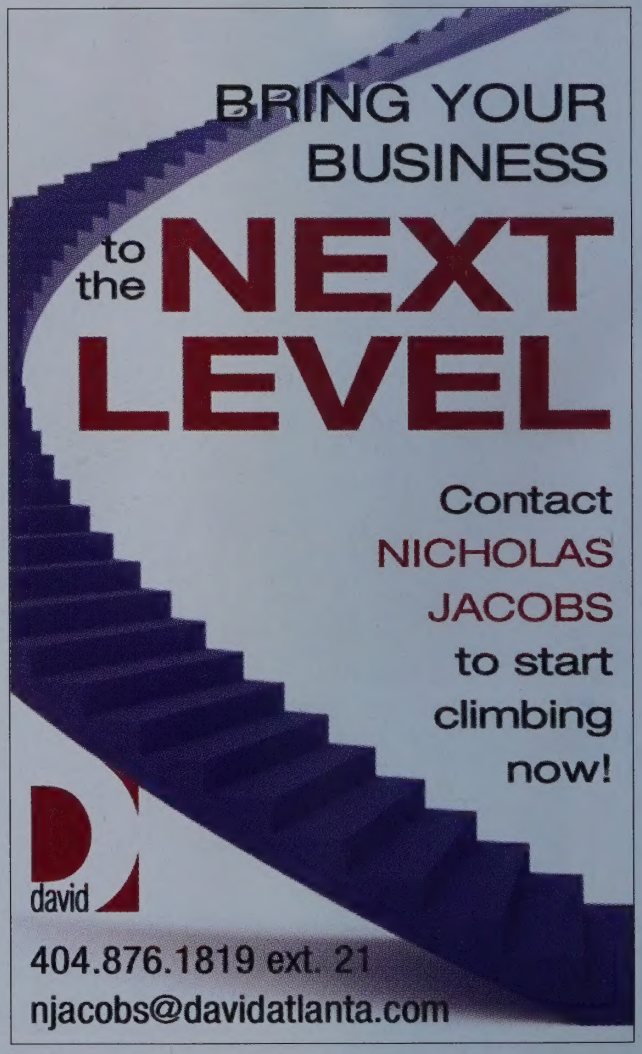

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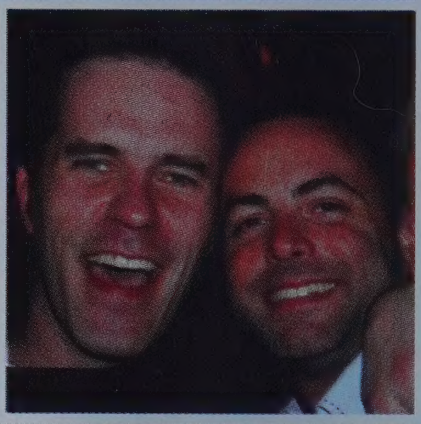

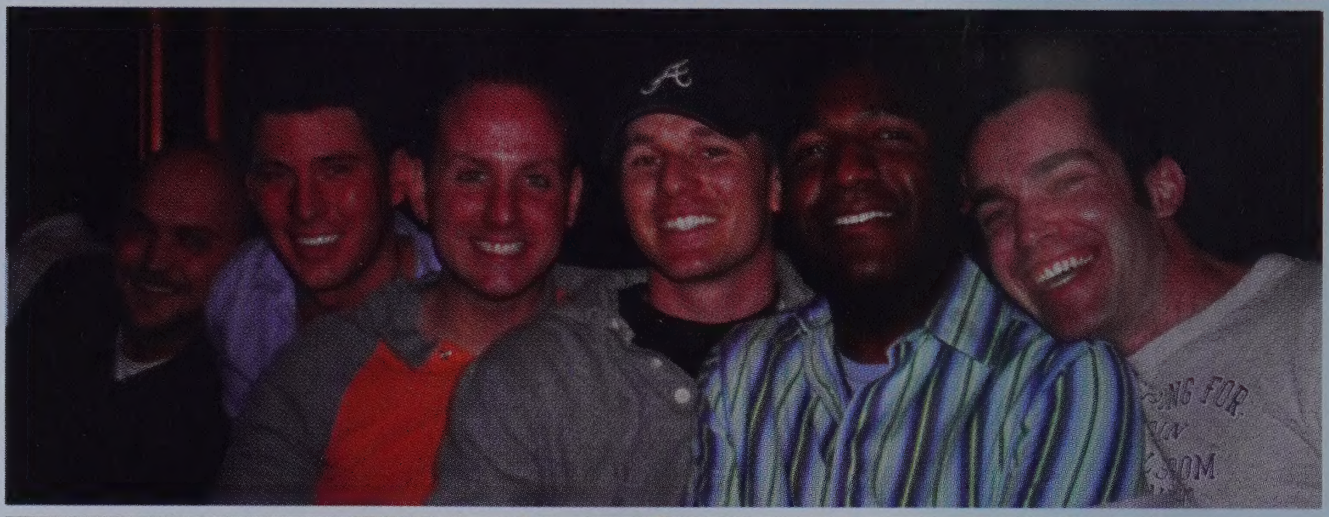

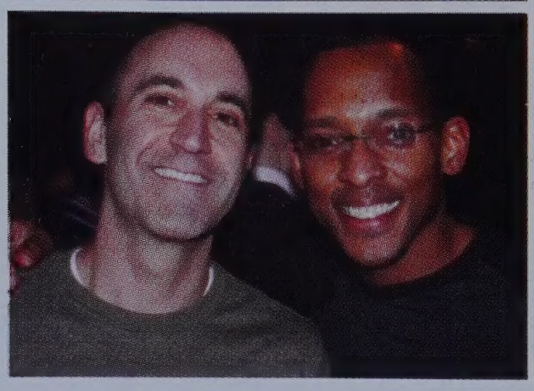

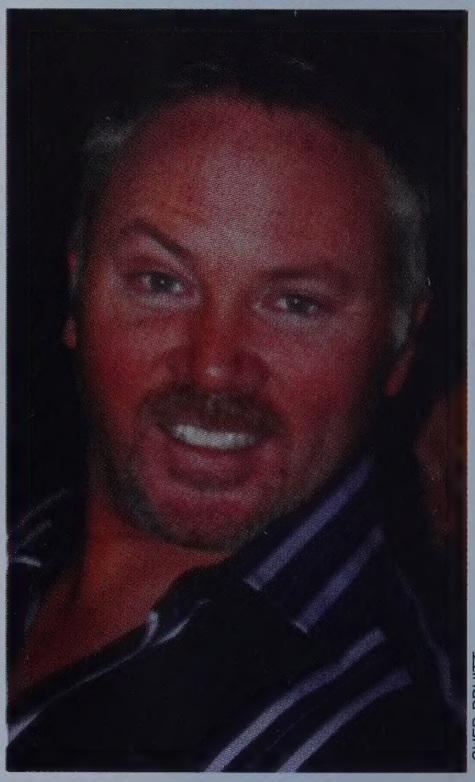

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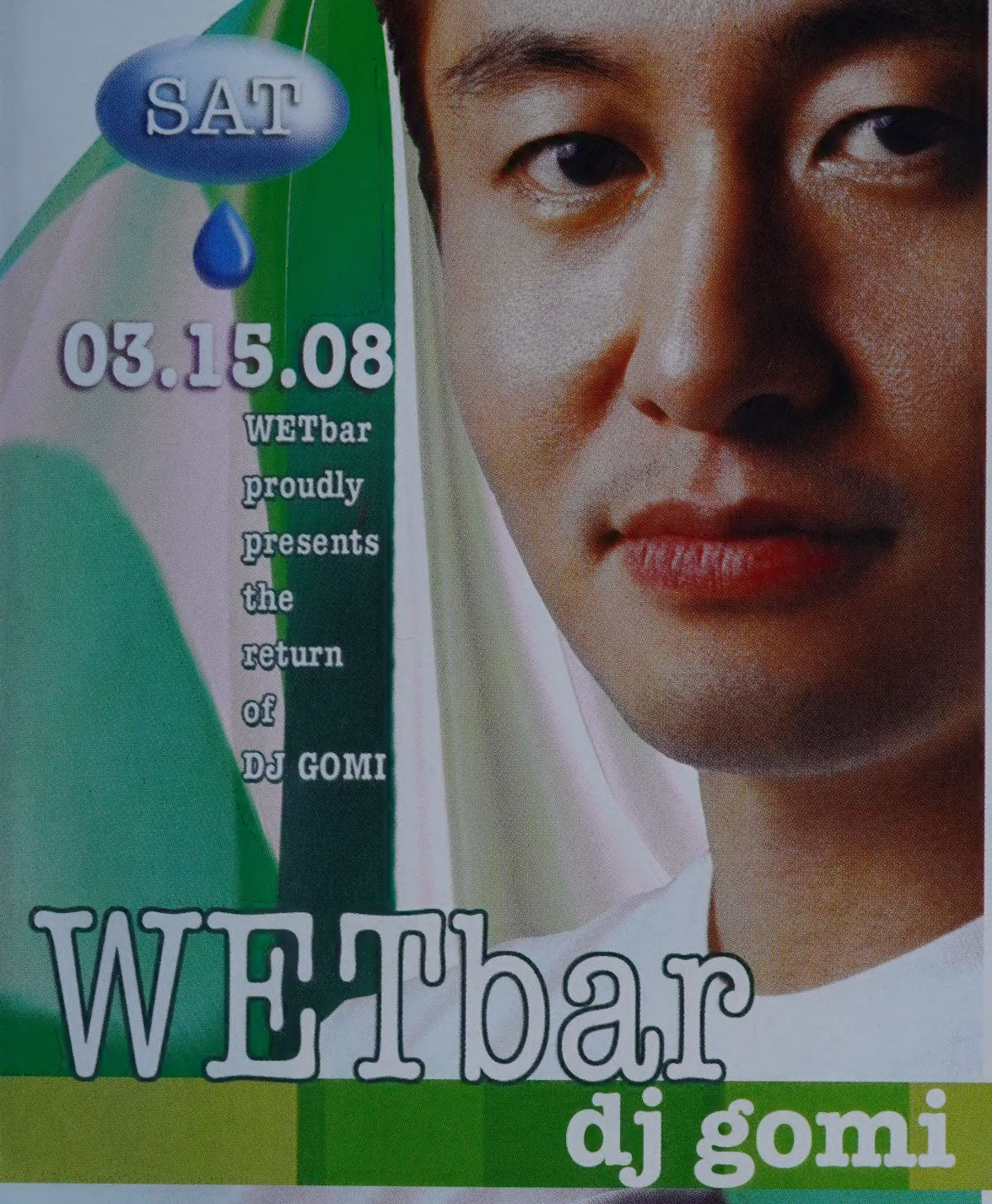

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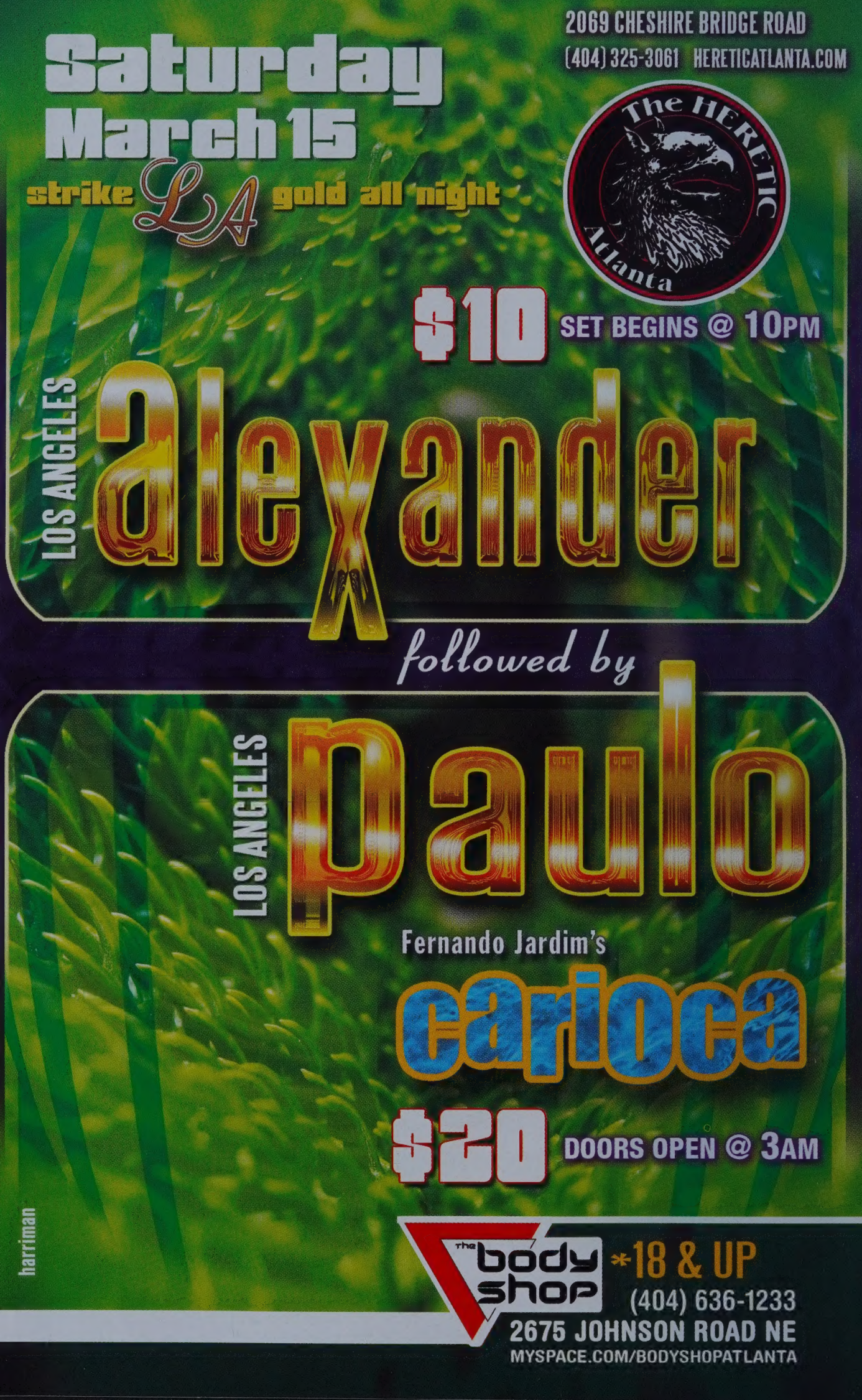
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IF YOU THINK THAT RANDY JACKSON IS JUST A judge from "American Idol," you couldn't be more mistaken. Jackson's resume isa mile long, including collaborations with Madonna, Mariah Carey, Celine Dion, Aretha Franklin, *NSYNC, Destiny's Child, Bruce Springsteen and Elton John, just to name a few.

Jackson, who got his start playing bass guitar, adds another entry to his impressive resumé with the release of "Randy Jackson's Music Club, Volume One," an eclectic collection of pop, rock, R&B, rap, jazz and gospel boasting an impressive roster of guest vocalists. It's a whole new "dog pound" as Jackson co-produces most of the tracks and lays down some bass licks on several of them.

The first single is "Dance Like There's No Tomorrow," featuring fellow "Idol" judge Paula Abdul's return to music after 13 years. "Idol" fans saw the video a couple weeks ago. The track is a modern take on the dance/pop sound that made Abdul famous almost 20 years ago.

The track and video were the No. 1 download on iTunes as of presstime. Remixes of "Dance" are in the works from Paul Oakenfold and Soul Seekerz. According to Abdul's website, a full album is due from her this summer.

ABDUL'S TRACK MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO DANCE-oriented for today's mainstream radio, but the rest of the album is filled with potential hits for Jackson and his smoking-hot roster of big names and up-and-coming talent ranging from pop to country and urban.

Joss Stone joins Jackson on "Just Walk On By," an explosive track with big horns, big beats and that velvety voice. It contains the hook from "Walk On By" by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. Stone should definitely keep Jackson in mind for her next album, because their chemistry opens her up to a whole new audience.

"Idol" alums Elliot Yamin and Katharine McPhee reunite with Jackson on the incredible "Real Love." Their vocals sound amazing, and McPhee should have tapped Jackson to produce her debut album. Maybe then it would not have been so forgettable.

"What Am I So Afraid Of" features Trisha Covington, Keke Wyatt and Kiley Dean on vocals. It's destined to be a hit with its blend of pop and R&B. The vocals draw you in with an organic introduction followed by rocking guitars and big, blow-you-away sounds.

Kelli Love slows things down with the gorgeous "Who's Gonna Love You Now," "My R&B" is a cute track by Barbi Esco, and Van Hunt, Jon McLaughlin, and Jason Mraz come together for a more up-tempo ballad sure to be a radio smash, "Something To Believe In."

JACKSON REALLY MIXES THINGS UP WITH THE inclusion of "Wang Dang Doodle," a blues classic turned on its ear when mixed with jazz,

soul and rock. Blues legend Sam Moore is joined by modern R&B and soul stars Keb' Mo' and Angie Stone with compelling results.

Giving a sizeable nod to his work in country music, Jackson turns in two gems. John Rich, of Big and Rich, and Anthony Hamilton turn in a countrified take on Michael Buble's hit "Home."

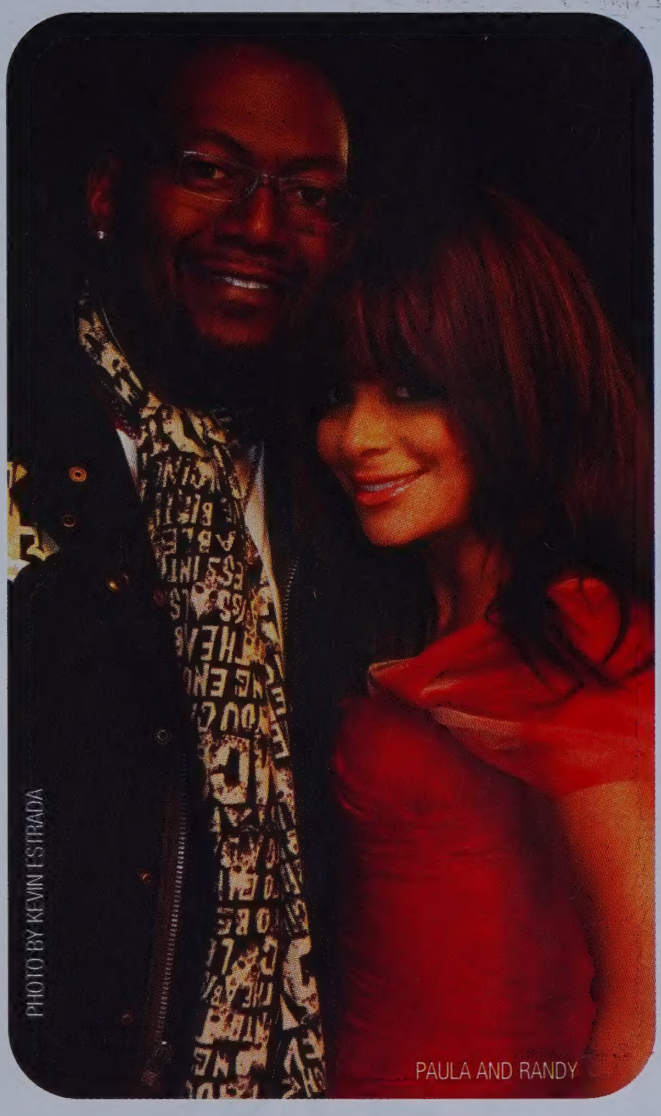
Rocker Richie Sambora, Travis Tritt and Lucy Woodward come together for "Willing To Try," a rocking country track. Sambora and Tritt sound amazing together.

"The Dog" finishes off this "Dog Pound" and brings the album to a close with "I Understand," featuring Kim Burrell, Rance Allen, BeBe Winans, Maria Carey and Hezekiah Walker's Love Fellowship Tabernacle Church Choir. Part of the track is gospel genius, but it deteriorates by the end. And don't get too excited about Carey being on the track — she is barely audible on background vocals (Irony, anyone?) until she starts wailing like a banshee toward the end.

"Music Club" does have one huge pitfall in the form of the ghastly (to borrow from Simon Cowell) "Like A."

Jackson's concept behind "Music Club" is what he considers the ideal play list, a collection of varied sounds that reflect his passions and the sounds that influence him musically.

'Randy Jackson's Music Club' is available on Dream Merchant 21/Concord Records, www.randyjacksonsmusicclub.com. Visit your local gay retailer to pick up a copy.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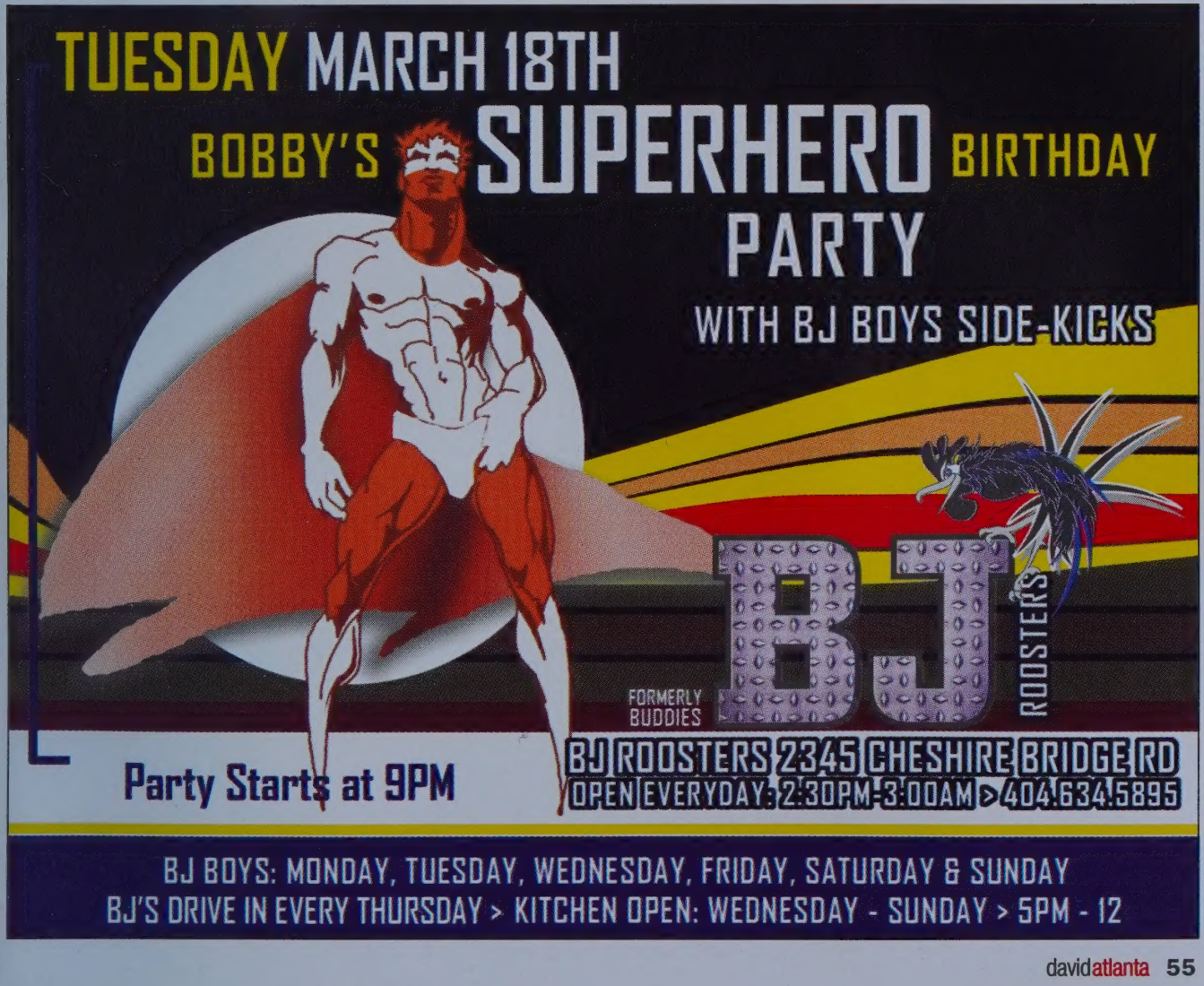
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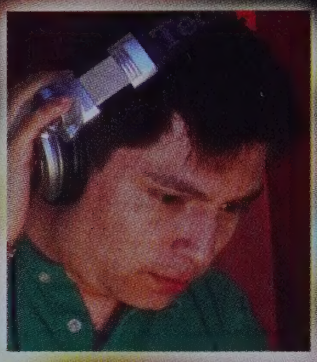

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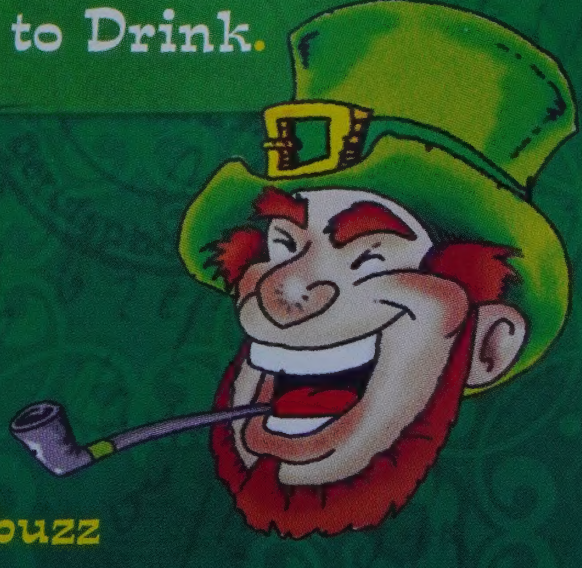

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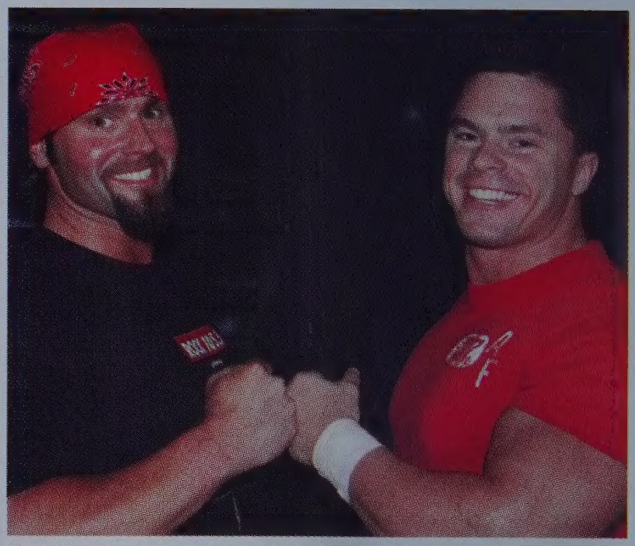

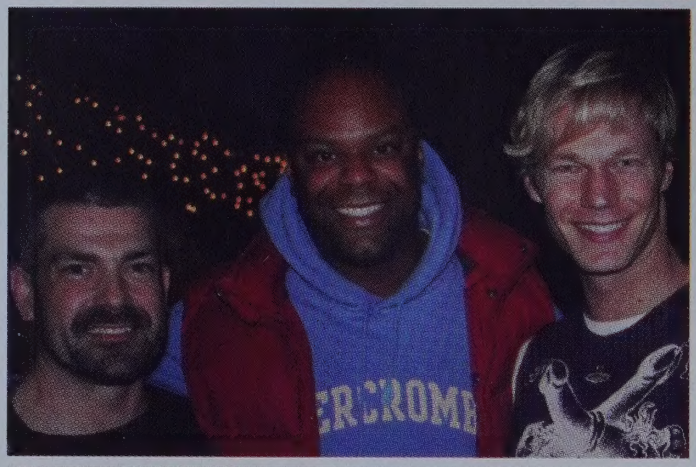

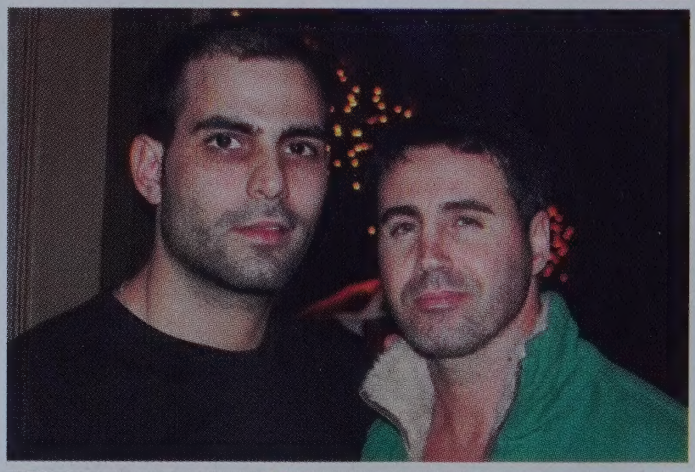

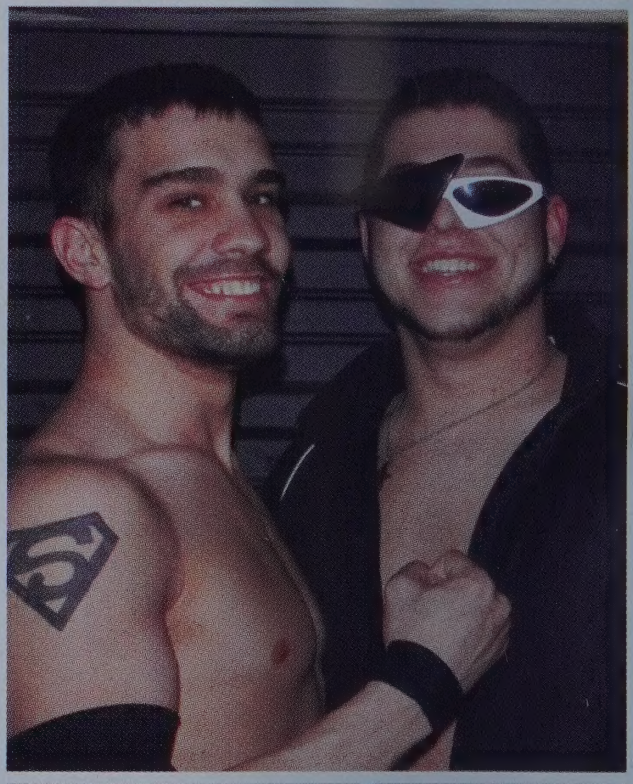

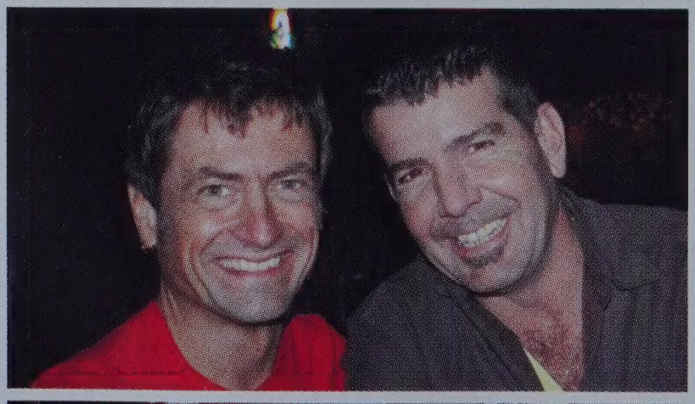

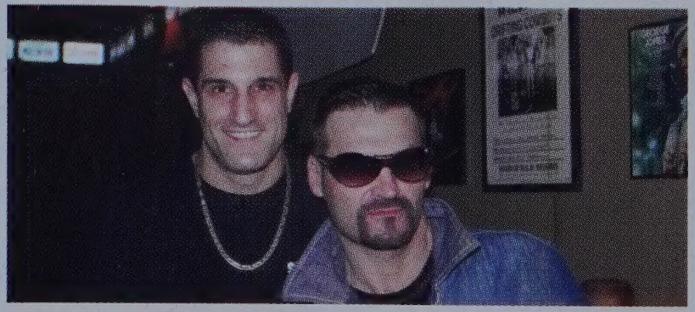

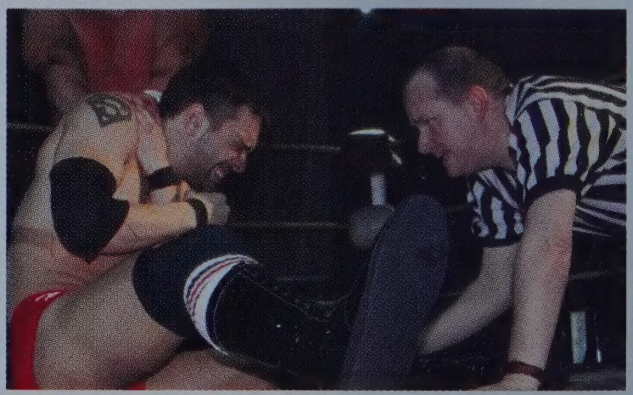

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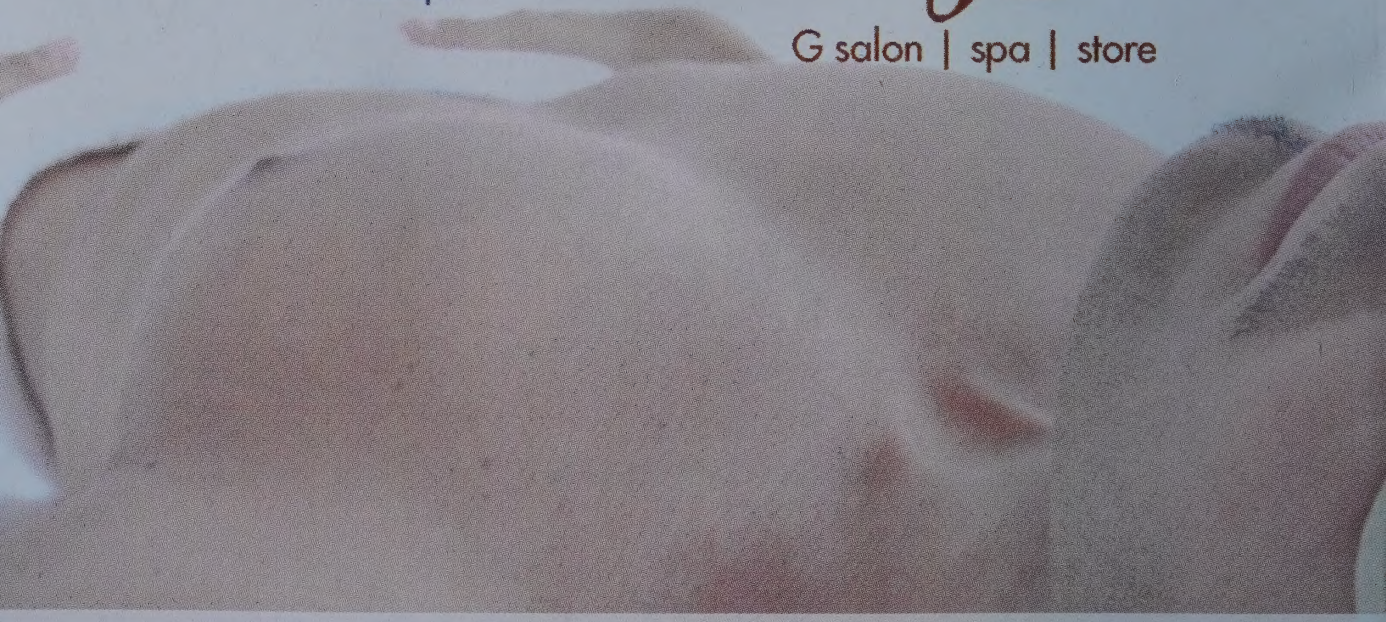

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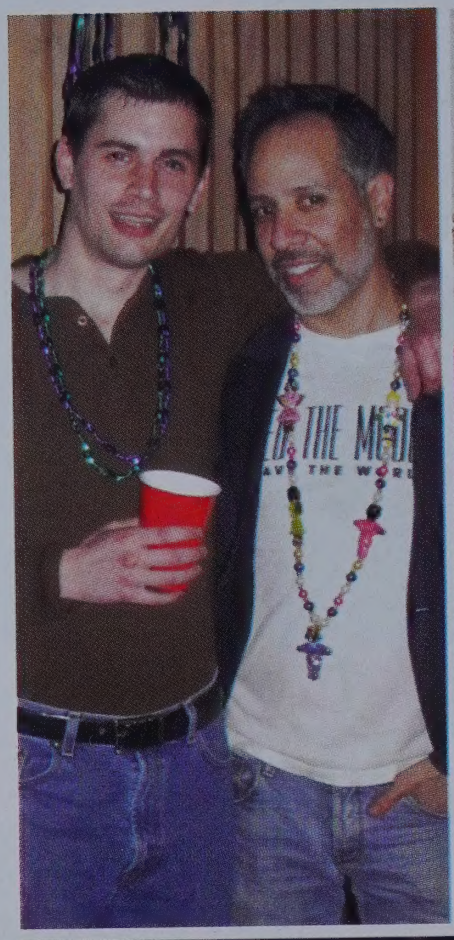

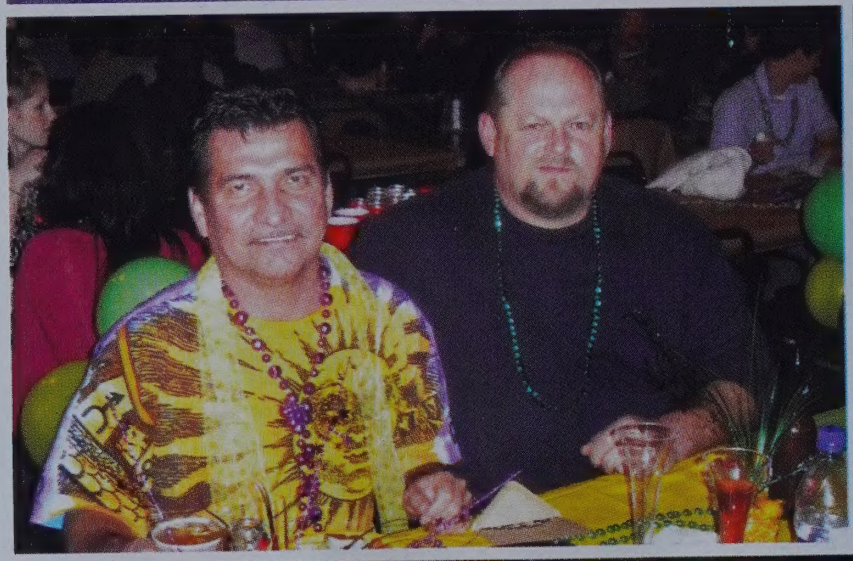

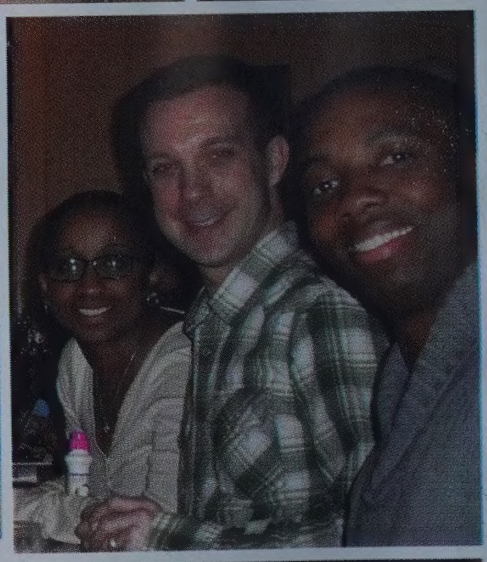

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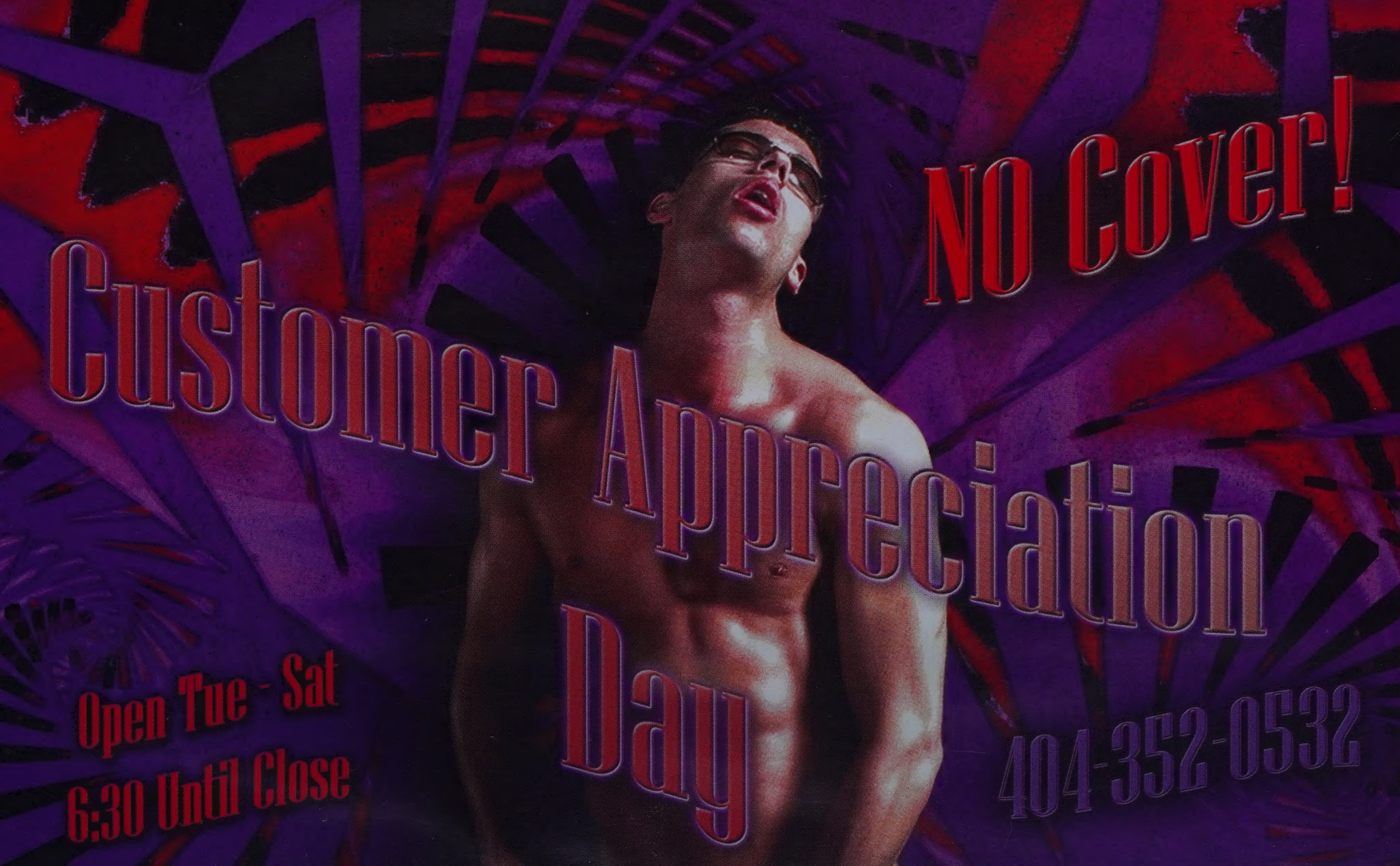
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There's only one way to make sure your bowels pass without looking like they hosted a NASCAR event: Fiber.

Men should eat 30-38 grams of fiber a day. Some experts say it should be as high as 60 grams a day. Guess how much the average guy eats? 10-15 grams!

Everyone's worried about carbs and proteins, but if you're going to bottom, you better keep an eye on your fiber intake. Here's why:

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Keep it in shape. Ever see those Tokyo transit guys pushing passengers in with those sort of giant Schwab sticks so they can get more people into the train? That's what insoluble fiber (like broccoli) does. Since it won't dissolve in water and can't be absorbed by the body, it passes through your stomach essentially intact, compacting "passengers" into the intestinal train and giving them the best shape to go through the colon.

So here's what you need to do if you want a tongue-worthy sphincter:

Eat 40 grams of fiber a day. Which foods have the highest soluble and insoluble fiber? Google it. I ain't writing a nutrition column here.

Drink lots of water. Fiber without water is like condoms without lube. It's going to hurt like hell.

Take fiber supplements. I like Konsyl, even though it tastes like sawdust. It has the highest fiber content, though, so I don't have to take it as often as other brands.

Start with one dosage a day and work yourself up to three. S-L-O-W-L-Y. Too much fiber at one time gives you gas, and bedrooms are No Fart Zones. You don't want your partners dying of auto-not-so-erotic asphyxiation.

Remember, you're not aiming for the boys at Brita to raise a glass of your butt spit and say, "Now THAT'S filtered water!" You're aiming for the ability to get yourself squeaky clean with just a little finger mopping in the shower.

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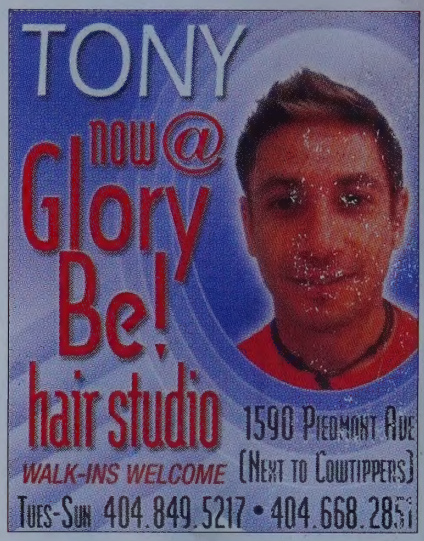

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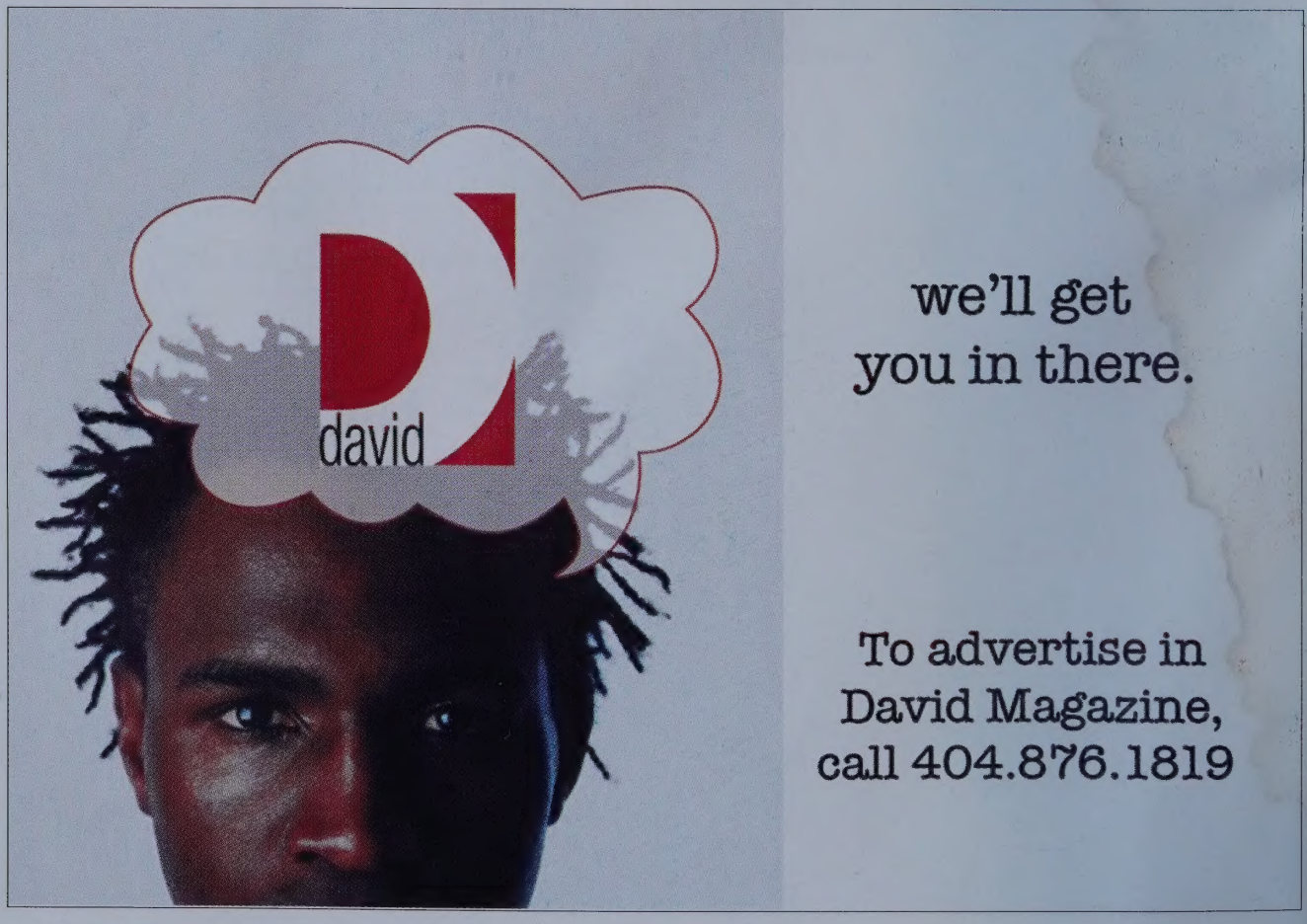

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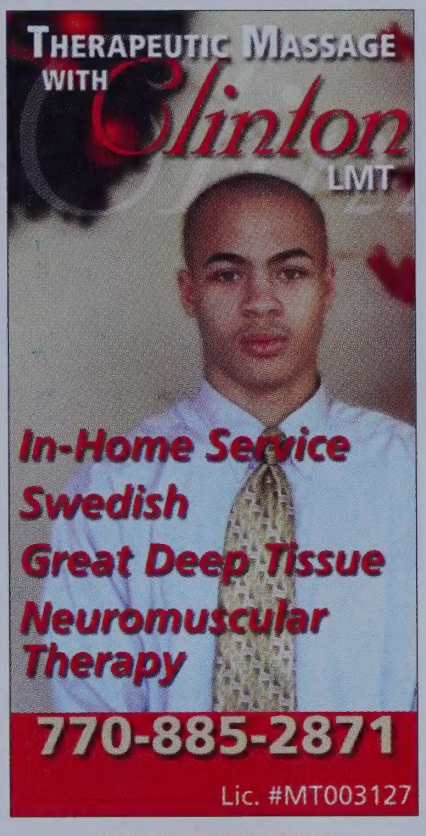

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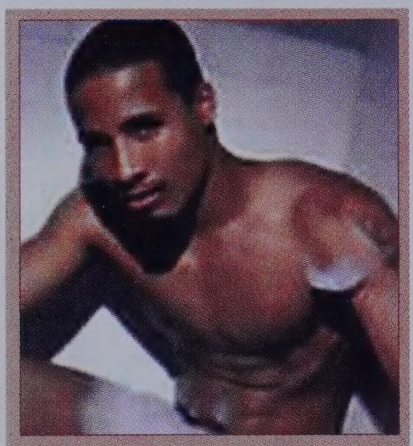

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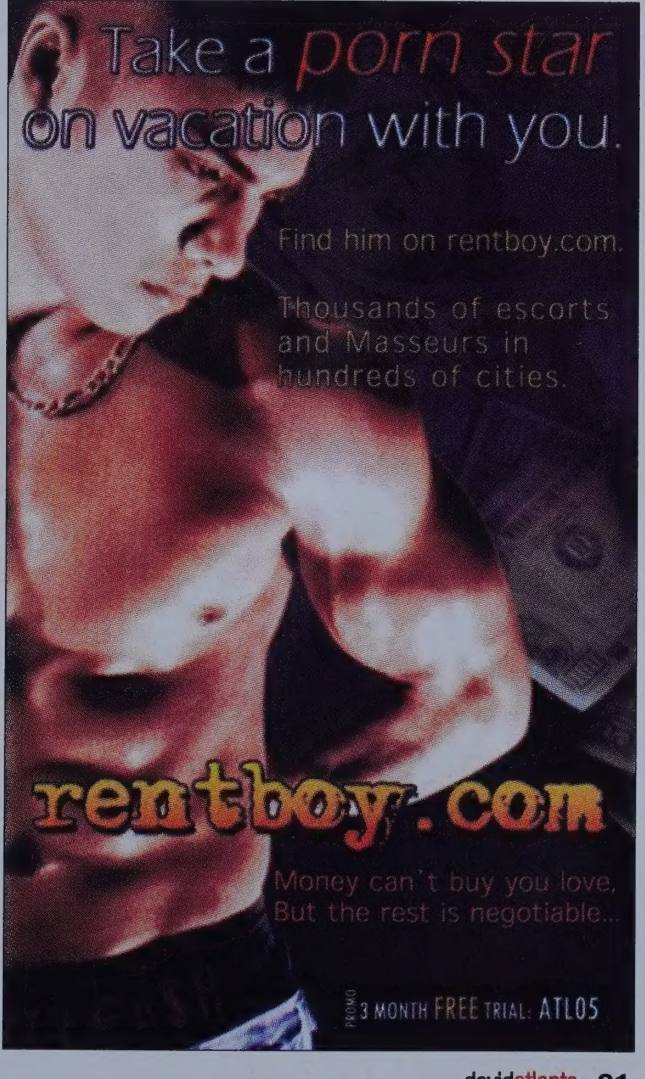
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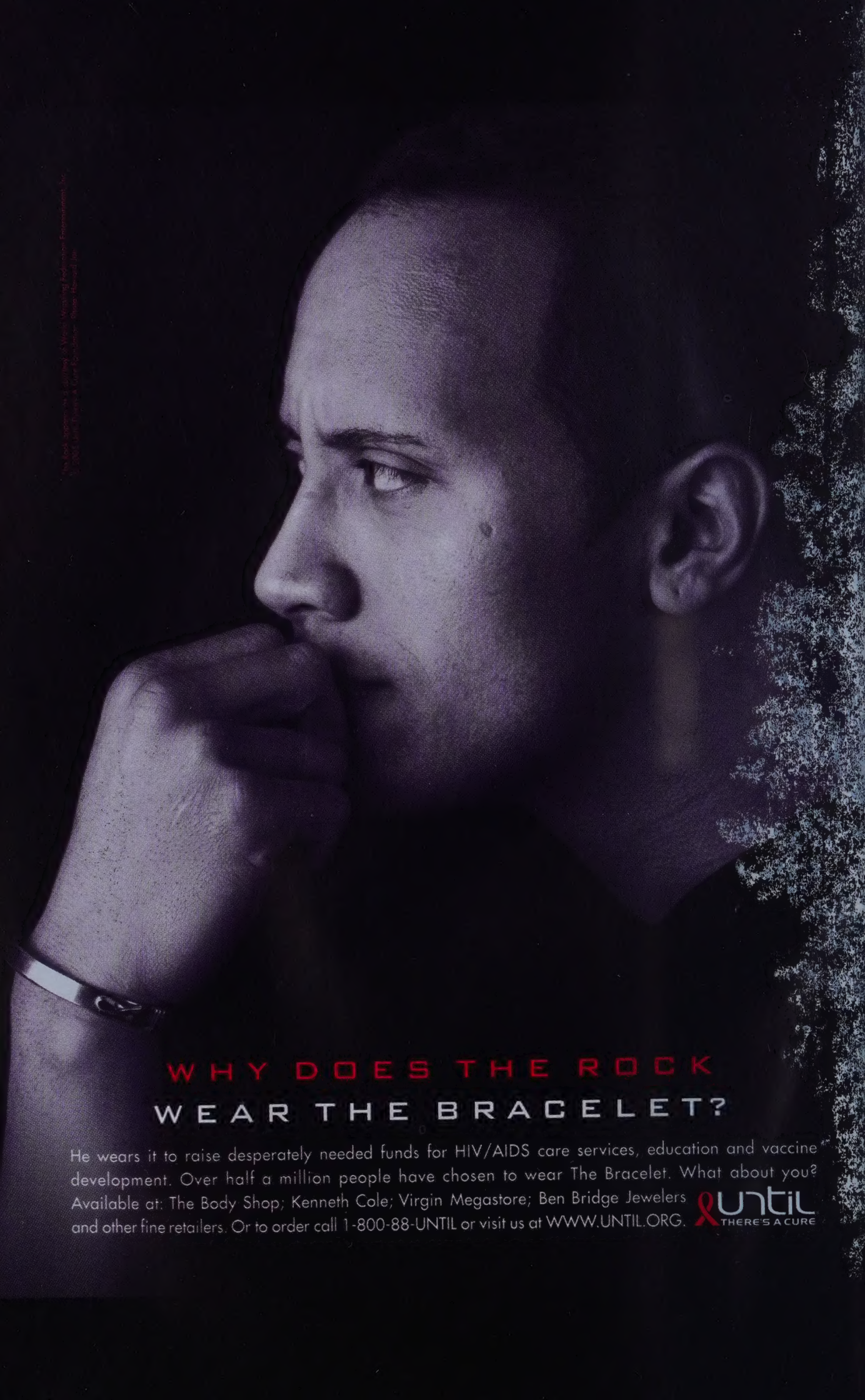
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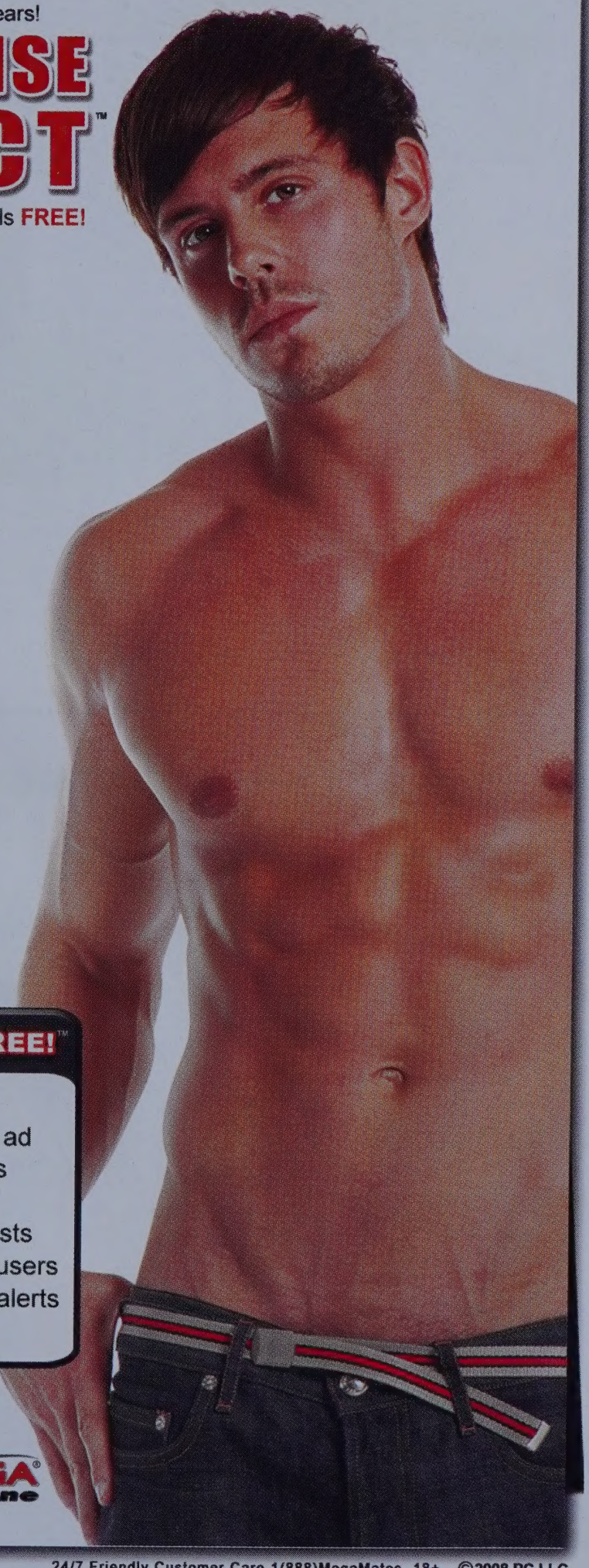

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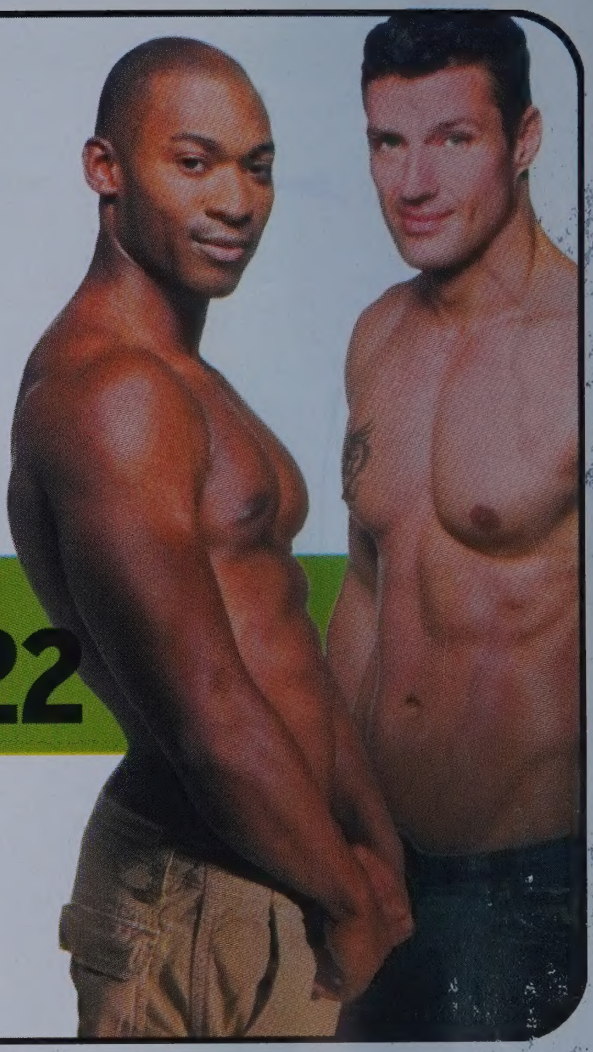

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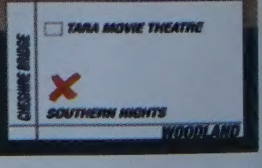

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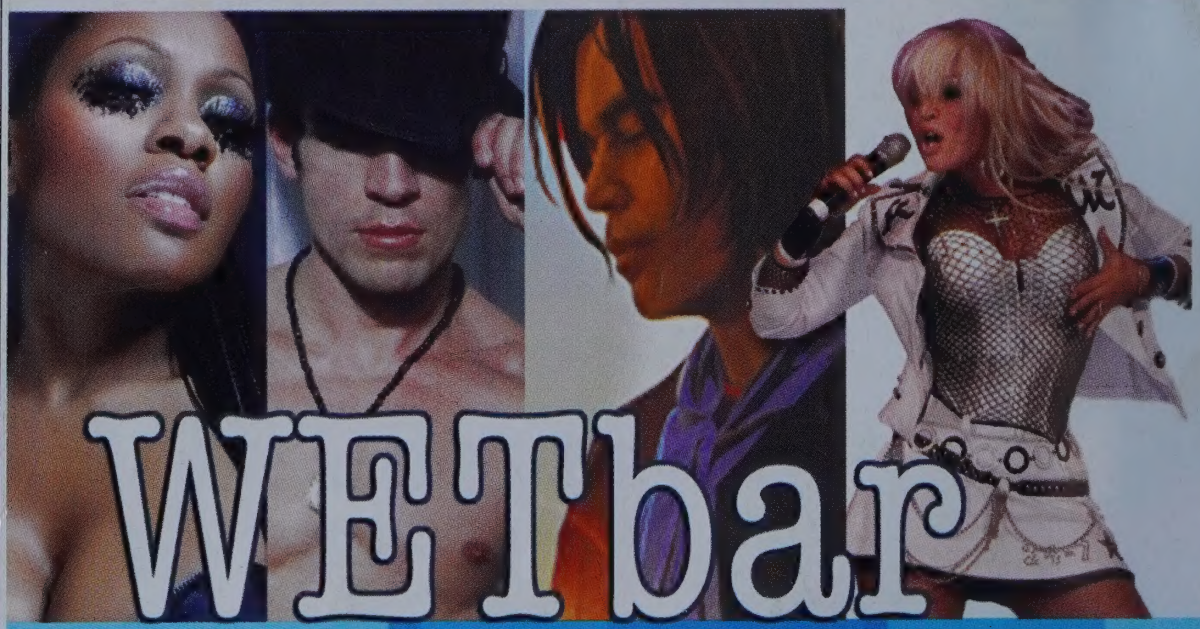

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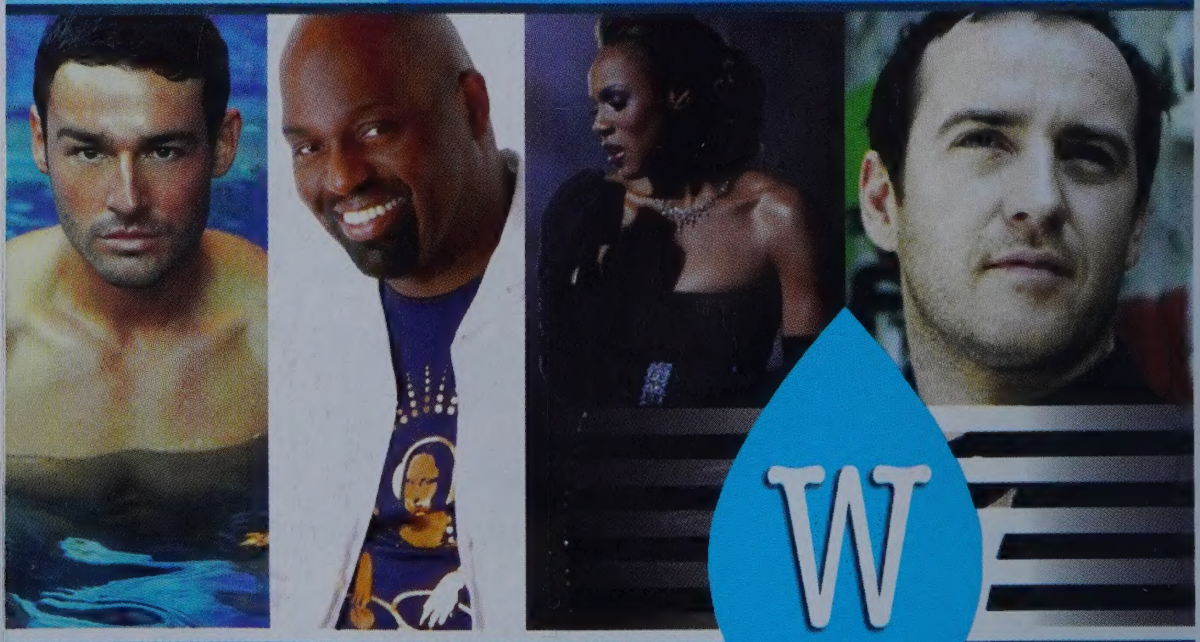

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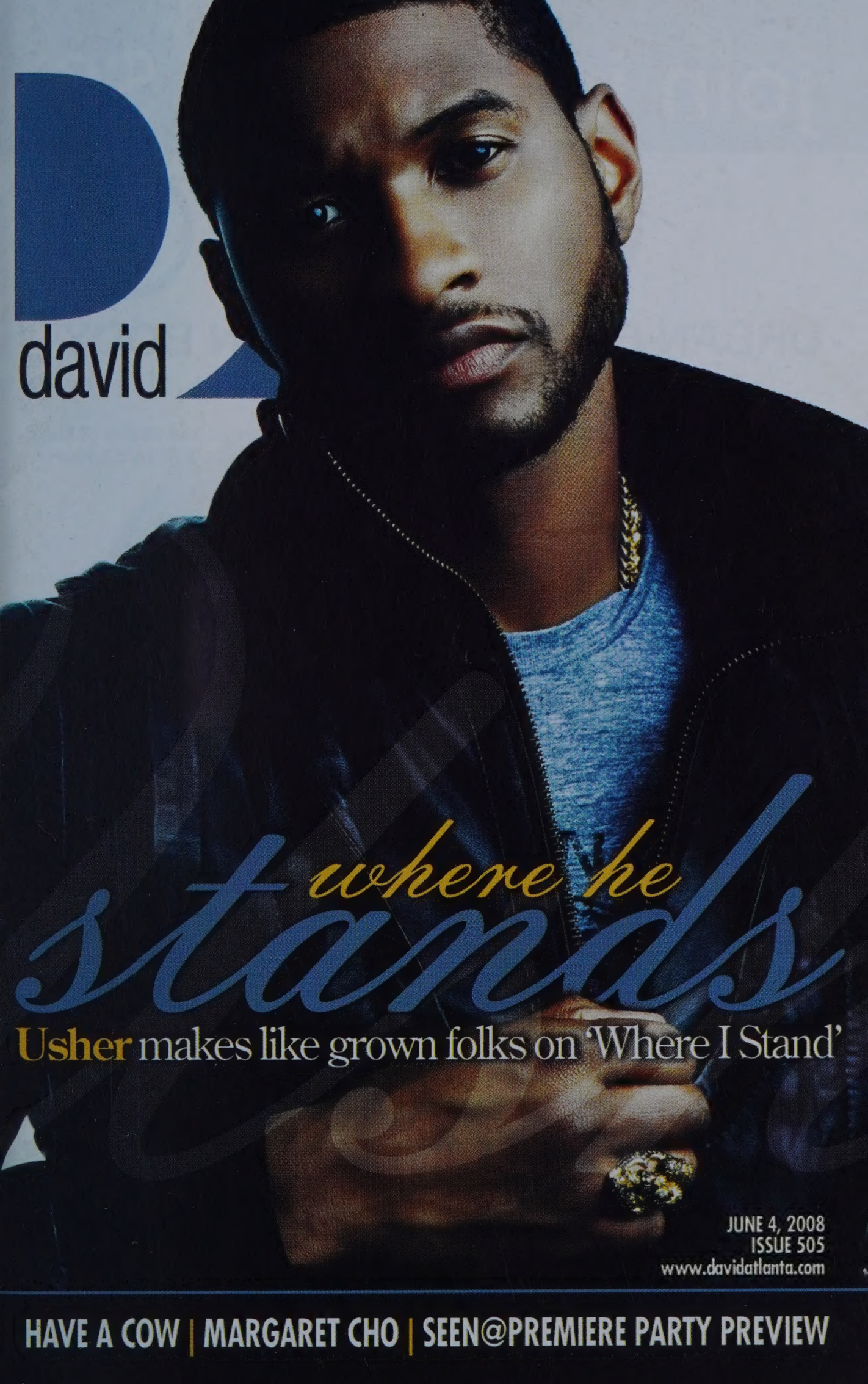
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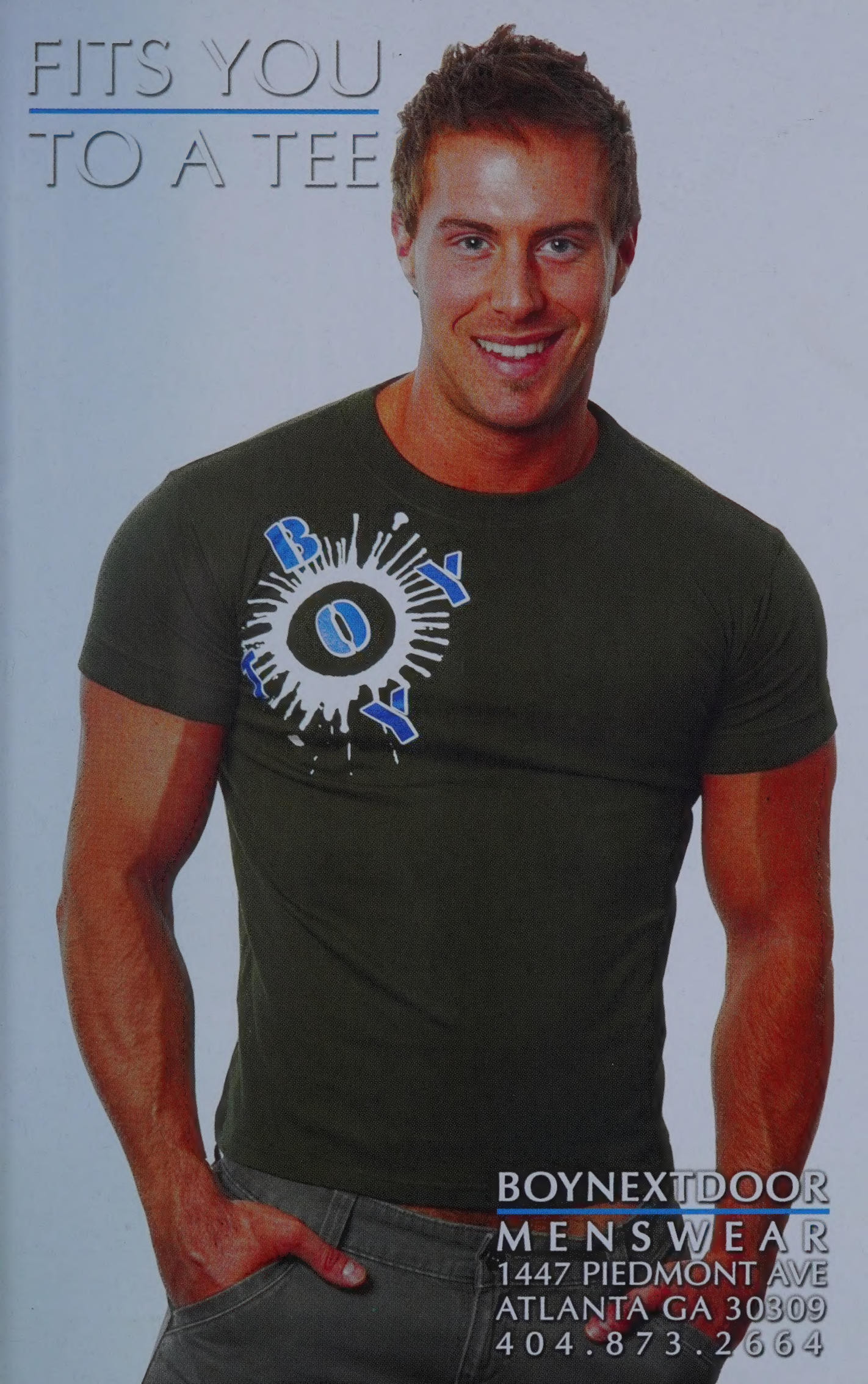
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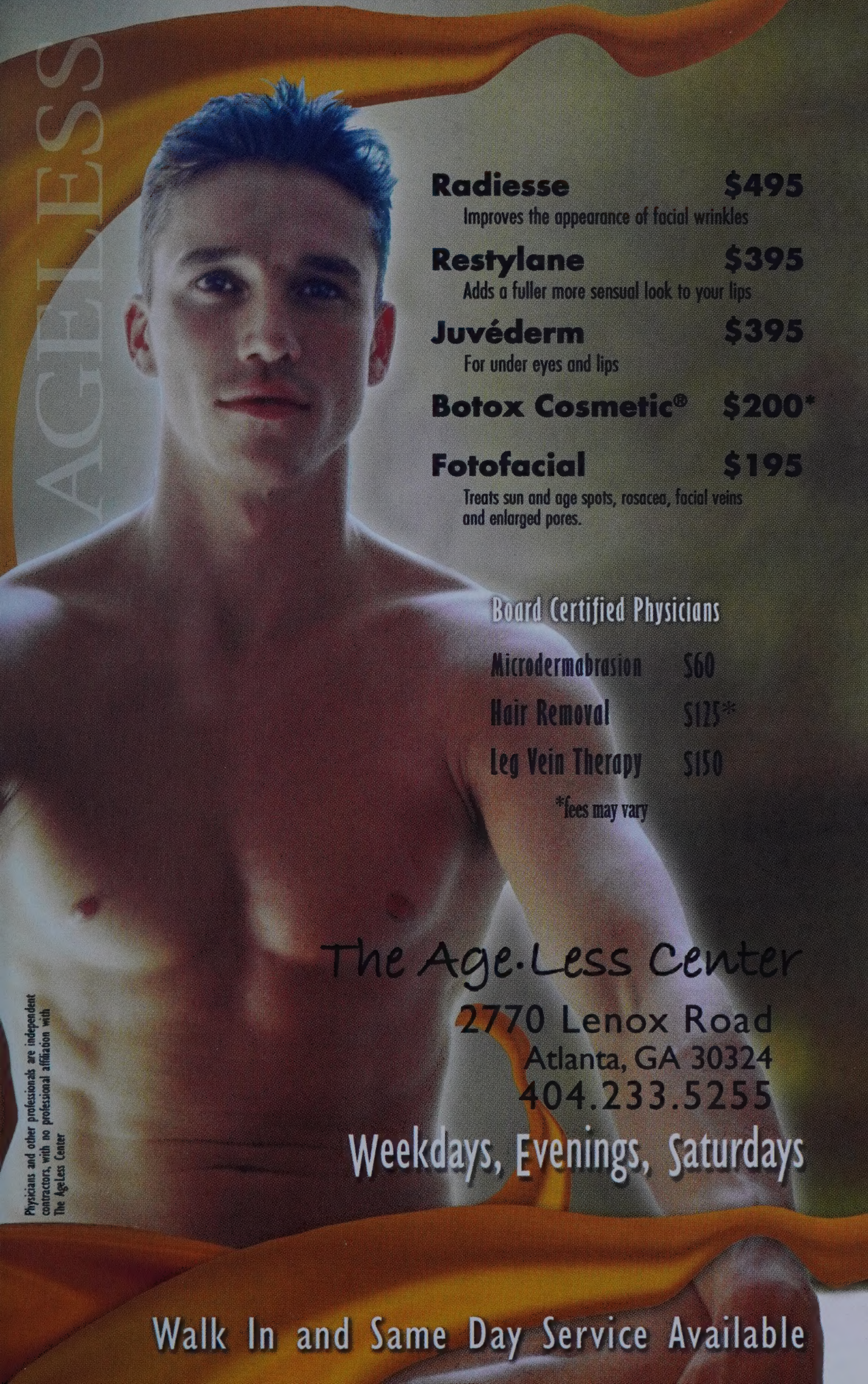
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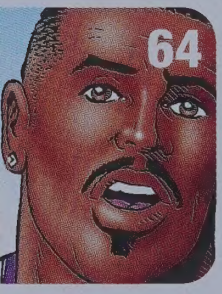

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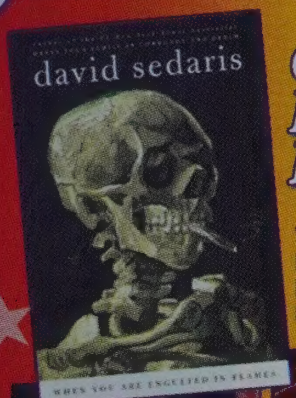

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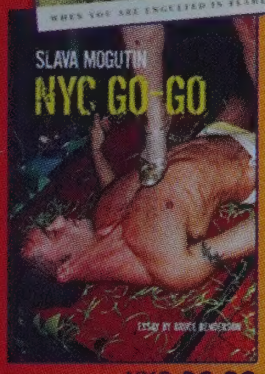

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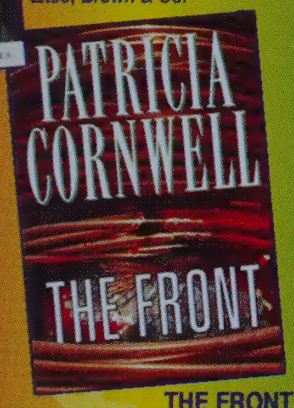

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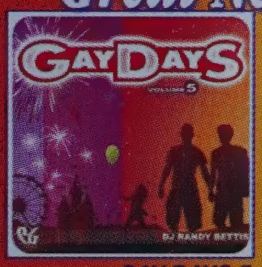

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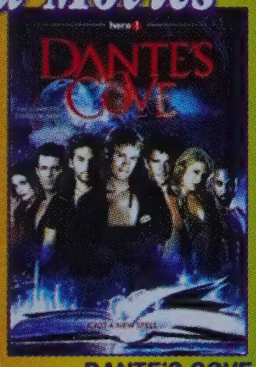

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reading & signing
A Place Called Canterbury
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Sat June 7, 7:30 pm
author of
For What I Hate I Do
M.W. Moore
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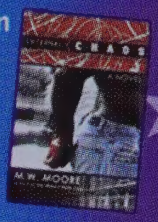

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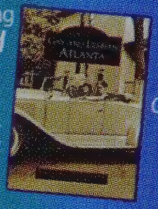

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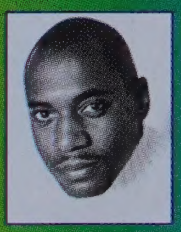

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Terrance Dean
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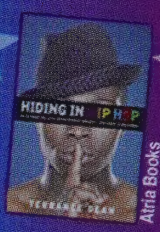

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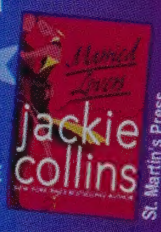

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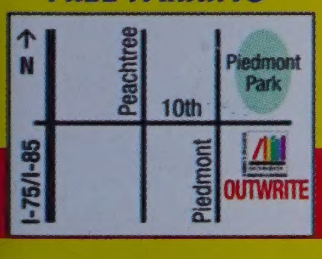

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Making a home for our family and my cow

MY FIANCEE PREPPY AND HIS BEST GALPAL went to a house party in Smyrna, where Preppy learned that he may never become a Guitar Hero. It was his first time visiting the house where the party was held, and apparently he took exhaustive mental notes. When he got home, he had grout on the brain.

"You know, between the tiles in the bathroom," he said. "Their house is just as old as ours, but their bathroom had beautiful grout. So I asked about it, and she said they'd re-grouted the whole thing right after they moved in. I was really jealous of their grout."

He's telling me this while sitting on the edge of the tub in the master bath, examining the floor, which was just fine yesterday but now is dingy, embarrassing, and simply won't do.

"All you need is a little saw and a chisel and you're in business," he says, surveying the expanse of tile in front of him. "Why aren't we doing more stuff like this? We've had the bedroom paint picked out for two months. We could crack stuff like this out in a weekend."

"Because we rarely have weekends. We're busy people. I'm proud when we manage to fold the laundry."

"We've been in the house for six months. We need to nest more. Help me nest, Topher."

"If I agree to help nest, will you let me have Clarabelle?"

"No."

CLARABELLE IS MY FANTASY PET. SHE IS A miniature cow. I caught less than a minute of a segment they did on Animal Planet about exotic pets, and since then I've been desperate for a miniature cow.

I keep a picture of one on my Blackberry, so I can show others unfamiliar with, as far as I'm concerned, the greatest animal ever. It's a cow the size of a German Shepherd. They're very loving and come when you call them, and they produce up to two gallons of milk a day.

We'd never have to buy milk again! I'd build one of those cobblestone walls, like you see in the rolling hills of Ireland. She'd live there. Sometimes I'd walk her in Piedmont Park, beaming with pride as everyone ignored Dalmatians and bulldogs, fawning over Clarabelle. Even that guy with the pig would be jealous. I could charge for photos.

"She's no trouble," I'd say. "She's a contented cow."

At Christmas, I'd send pictures out of Preppy, Clarabelle, and me, all in Santa hats. Cute. I know, I used to say the same thing about dogs until I had to live with two of them while we were closing on the house. But this is totally different from that. A dog is just a dog, but a miniature cow is... well, there are no words. Plus, they live outside.

"I LOVE THAT YOU CLAIM NOT TO HAVE TIME to fold laundry, but somehow you're going to build a wall and work daily milking into the schedule."

"I could do it before work," I said. "It's just a few gallons."

"Topher, you grew up in Mississippi. You know what cow pastures smell like."

"That's if you have lots of great big cows. But Clarabelle is just one tee-tiny perfect cow. And she can learn tricks."

"Really? Can you teach her to keep you warm at night? Because you're gonna need someone for that if I come home and find a goddamn cow in the yard."

"OK, fine. But if I don't have time to take care of Clarabelle, I don't think I have time for grouting, either."

Later, Preppy was online, Googling various home improvements. Just to tempt me, he went to a site that sells truckloads of rock.

"Ooh," he said. "Those are pretty rocks."

"Stop teasing me."

"What if we buy your rocks, and build that Irish rock wall you want so badly? No cow, just the wall. And in exchange, you help me with a few projects around the house?"

I could live with that. I agreed to assist in painting a few rooms, and to do my part in chiseling away at the bathroom tile. He would help me lift rocks on Sundays, building my wall.

It served as further proof that we could both budge a little and compromise, which was satisfying. Especially to the part of me that could still hear a faint cowbell in the back of my mind.

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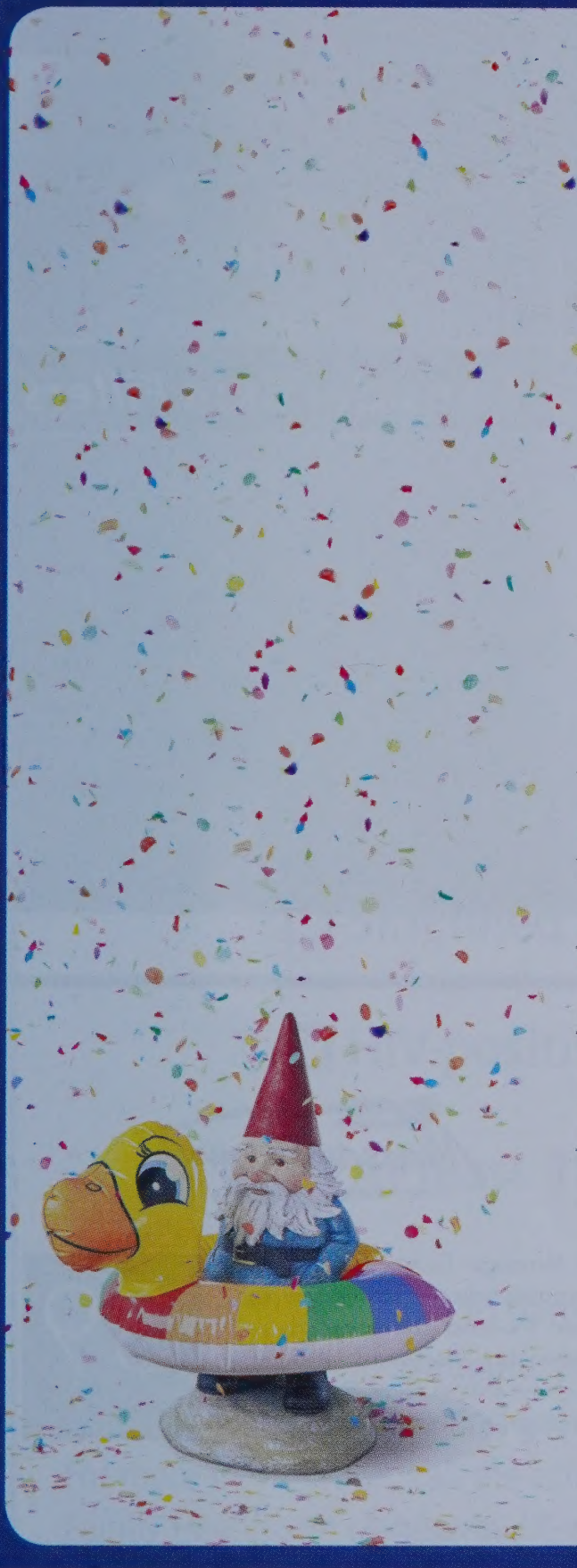

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BY ROB BECK

DRUNK IN THE CITY

I couldn't help but wonder: Do I, we, drink too much?

"HEY, DON'T I KNOW YOU?"

I was on my way into the gym when a gentleman enjoying a cup of coffee at an outdoor table stopped me in my tracks. I was intent on psyching myself up for the grueling run ahead of me — getting ready for any vacation that puts you in a bathing suit among crowds of other gay men is a full-time job — so it took me a second to realize he was talking to me.

"I don't think so," I said. "Have we met?"

"You look familiar," he said. "Have we talked online?"

"Doubtful," I said, not having been "online" in years, and wondering how anyone has the time to actually get through their life while stopping everyone they see on the street who looks vaguely familiar.

He thought for a second as I edged closer to the door of the gym.

"I know!" he said, his face taking on the unmistakable air of judgment. "You're that guy who writes about being drunk all the time!"

"Well, I do write," I said, taken aback and officially over the conversation as I turned to go. "But I'm certainly not drunk all the time, and I'm sorry, but I really have to—"

"Ooh, that looks nasty," he said, gesturing to my recently banged-up elbow. "What happened to your arm?"

"I, um, got drunk and stumbled into a brick wall," I said, making a break for the gym and praying for a little shade from the harsh light of Mr. Judgment's harsh reality.

I OFTEN WONDER WHETHER OR NOT TOO many of my stories revolve around drinking. And not just in writing, since a good number of the stories I tell my friends and acquaintances — and, weirdly enough, my mom — involve an "Omigod, I was so drunk..." moment.

So much of gay social life and culture seems to be rooted in the bar scene. What's up with that?

But for me, I usually just assume I tell the drunk stories because they're so much funnier. Drunk Rob does things like falling into brick walls while walking from one bar to another because "there's a boy I want to go ignore at the new one," as I explained my walkabout motives at the time to my friend Manny on the phone.

"I can't come back," I said when he tried to get me to walk the half a block back to his apartment for a Band-Aid. "I've already crossed Juniper."

"Honey, it's not the East River," Manny said. "It's Juniper Street. Get over here."

Sober Rob goes to the gym, only eats food he doesn't have to cook, plays Mario Kart with Tex, and hasn't been on a real date in months. Non-dating isn't exciting or fun to hear about, and since I usually refuse to even mention Mario Kart since Tex always wins, there's not really a contest.

"DO I TALK ABOUT BEING DRUNK TOO MUCH?" I asked Nate. Whenever I want a healthy dose of honesty with a heaping helping of snark, I go to him.

"Shouldn't the question be, 'Am I drunk too much?'" he shot back.

"Well," I said, pondering, "quantitatively speaking, I'm sober more than I'm drunk, so, no, I'm not drunk too much."

"Is that really the gauge we're using here?" he asked. "I mean, you're not Carrie Bradshaw—"

"Bite your tongue."

"I'm just saying, she drank a lot, but she wrote about sex," he said.

"I'm not having sex," I said. "I'm having Jack & Cokes."

"Well, if you were living here in NYC, you'd be having guys named Jack — and coke," he said. "So there's that positive."

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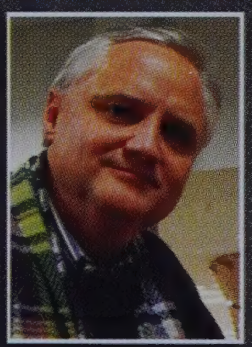

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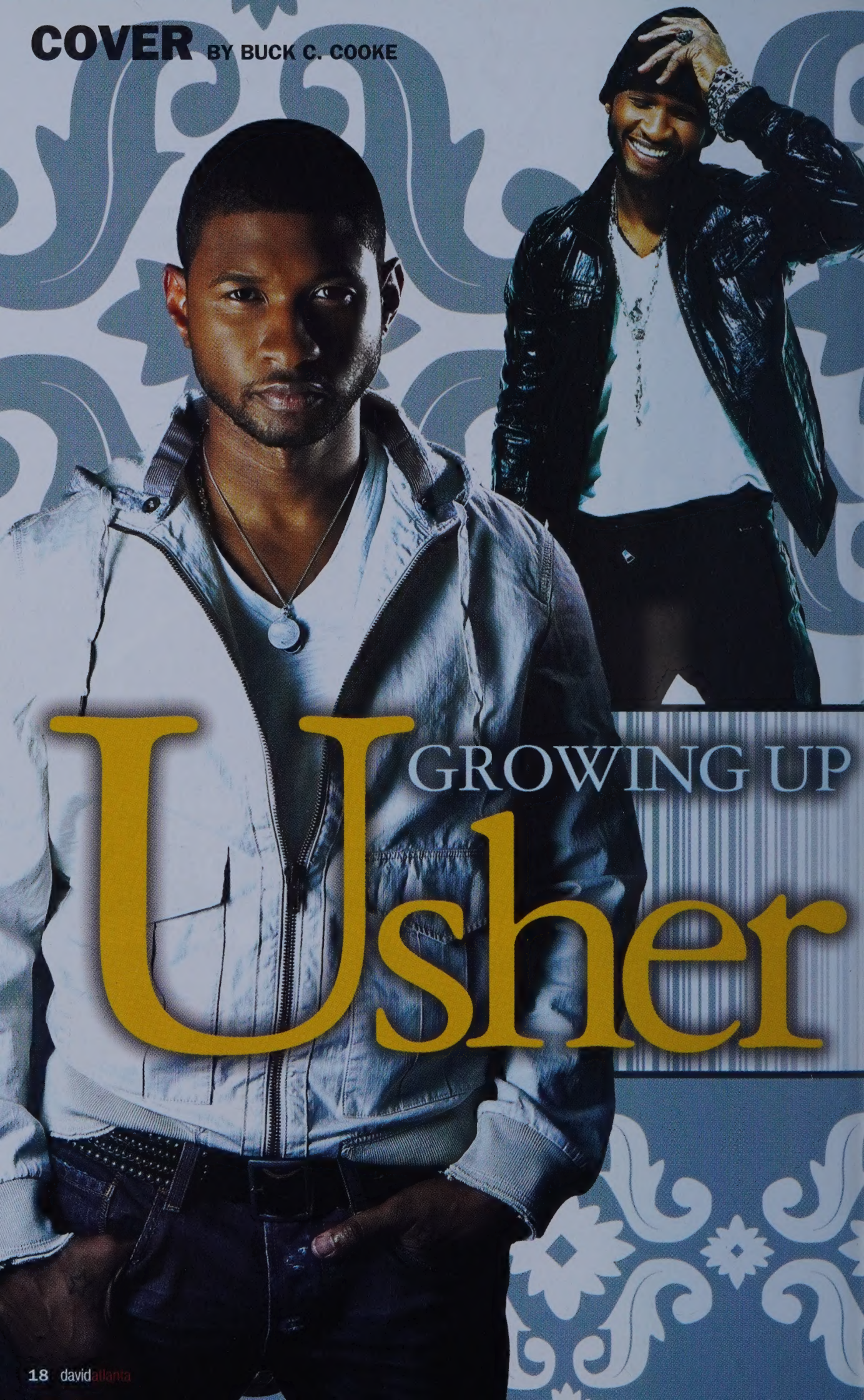

GROWING UP Usher

New album arrives from one of Atlanta's favorite sons

FEW ARTISTS ARE AS IDENTIFIED WITH THE Southern-based brand of R&B and soul coming out of Atlanta as the dreamy Usher. Four years and a marriage-and-baby after his hit album "Confessions," the sexy singer releases "Here I Stand," a declaration of his evolution as an artist and as a man.

As he nears 30 and begins going through some rites of adulthood, Usher's perspective shifts, but he still likes to have a good time. As an example, the album's lead single, "Love in This Club," bounces for partying, but with a heavy dose of romance — or maybe lust.

"Love in This Club" has already reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, along with three other charts. As Usher matures as an artist, he becomes more and more commercially savvy, so it is no surprise that dance remixes of the track are already out, the standout among them the Stonebridge Club Mix.

UPBEAT LEAD SINGLE ASIDE, THE BABY-FACED crooner now delves deeper into more grown-up themes on this album, like the dark "His Mistakes." The track explores the dynamic between a woman still healing from the wounds of her last relationship and her current boyfriend, and is punctuated by impeccable piano accompaniment and Usher's emotional vocals.

In a time when relationship violence and just plain heartbreak are ever more common, lyrics like "Is it because he treated you badly/ I always stand accused/ Protecting yourself from somebody else/ I'm not who's hurting you, girl" are sure to make "His Mistakes" resonate with women and men.

Other tracks that explore heavy topics include "Appetite," which finds a man lusting for a woman despite his having a wife at home, and "Before I Met You," in which a man turns his back on his playa past.

Despite his fondness for hip-hop, Usher packs plenty of soul into the album, most notably on the title song, a hidden track called "Will Work for Love," the album introduction, and the bluesy "Something Special," one of the album's shining moments. Producer and co-writer Jermaine Dupri worked his magic on "Something Special," blending Usher's smoky vocals with sexy licks on an electric guitar.

USHER WISELY SELECTED SOME of the best musicians to join him on "Here I Stand." The ubiquitous will.i.am co-wrote "What's Your Name" and takes a turn at the mic, while Jay-Z helps out on the lackluster "Best Thing," and Beyonce and Lil' Wayne join Usher for "Love in This Club – Part II," a slowed down (and anticlimactic) sequel to the lead single.

For this, his fifth studio album, Usher assembled a whopping roster of 16 producers, including big guns like will.i.am, Dupri, Polow Da Don (Jamie Foxx, Kelly Rowland, Ciara), Tricky Stewart and The Dream (Mariah Carey, Rihanna, Mary J. Blige), Nate "Danjahandz" Hills (Justin Timberlake, Madonna, Nelly Furtado), and StarGate (Beyonce, Rihanna, Blige).

Not one to let others do all of the heavy lifting, Usher himself is listed as a co-writer for every track. There are some gems among them, but a big club-thumping hit like "Yeah!" is absent, maybe appropriately so, given Usher's more mature mood. There are also some good slow jams, but most of them cannot hold a candle to "Burn."

When compared to its predecessor, "Here I Stand" falls short a bit despite being a good body of work by a major talent, but the overall quality and Usher's reputation will ensure a strong debut on the charts.

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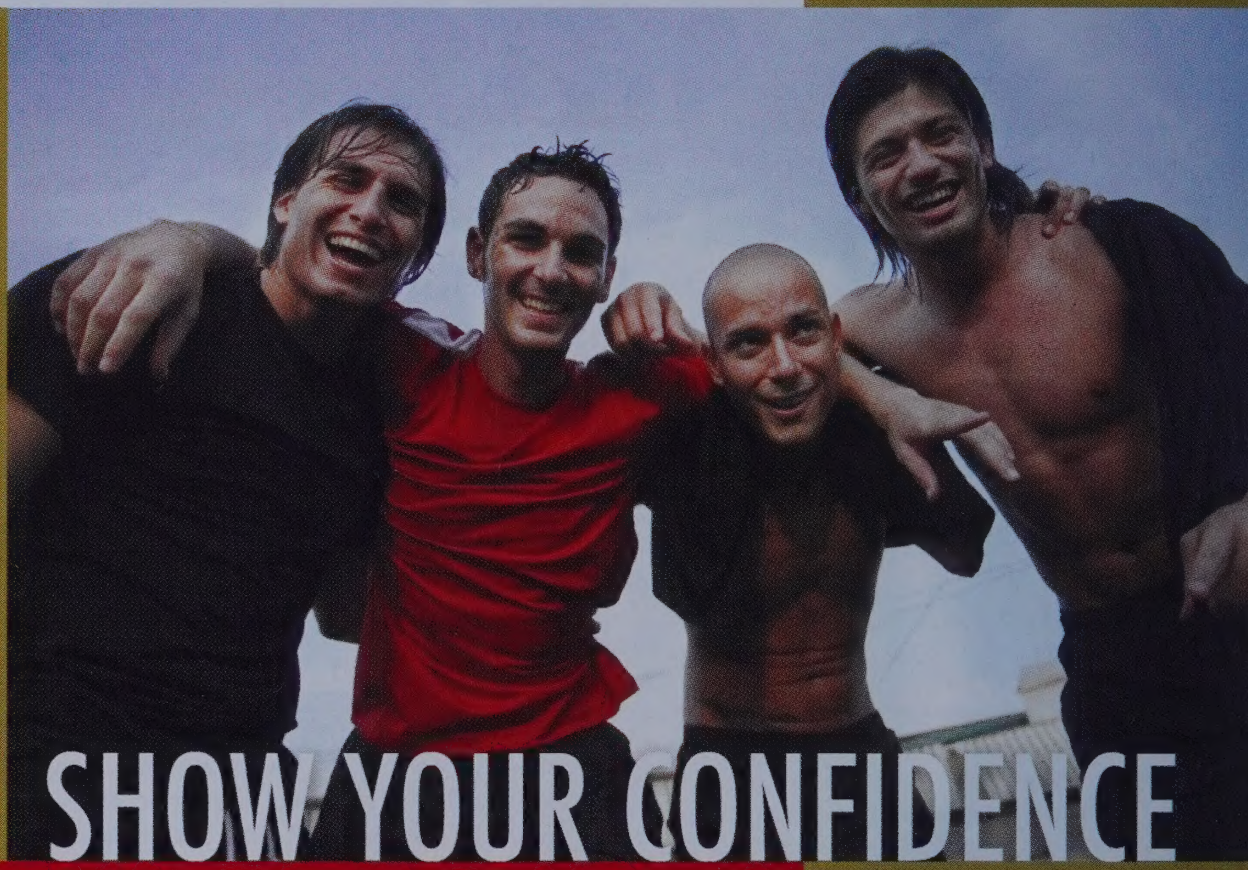

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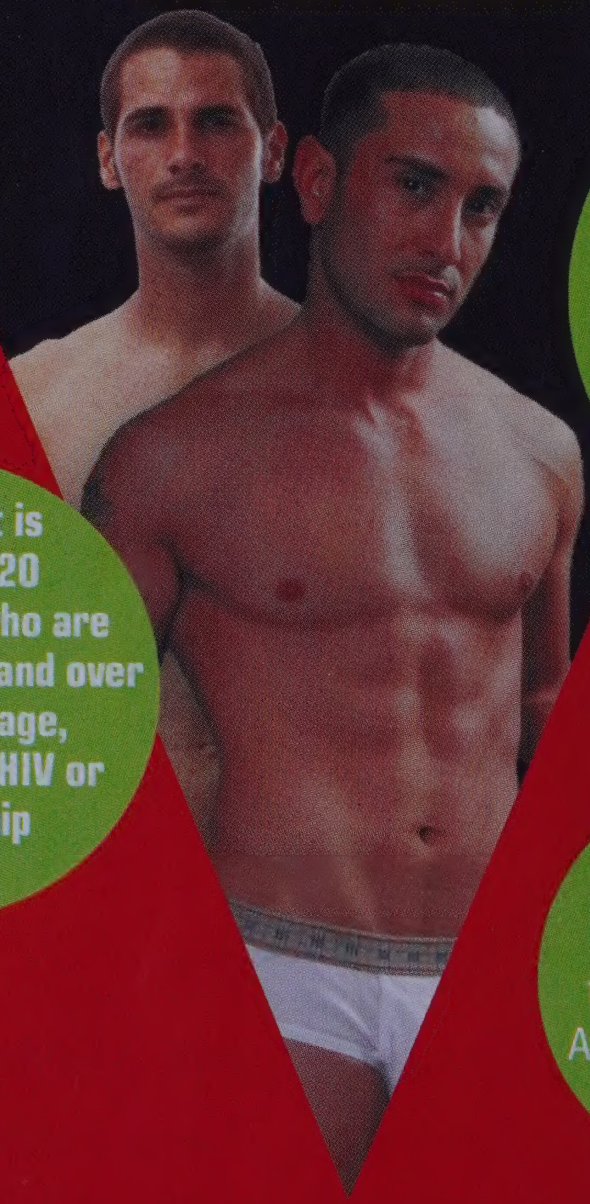

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IT'S CHO TIME

MARGARET CHO

IS "BEAUTIFUL" ON THE ATLANTA STAGE

MARGARET CHO IS SO BUSY THESE DAYS THAT even when she's talking about taking a breather, it sounds like she'll need a vacation afterwards.

"It's been going great," Cho says of her current tour, "Beautiful," which stops in Atlanta on June 7.

"We've been very busy, but now it's slowing down just a little bit, which is good. After I do Atlanta, we'll take a little break for the summer, I'll do a couple of True Colors tour dates, which is great, my TV show is going to debut in the summer, and then I'll resume dates for 'Beautiful' in the fall."

Whew! She makes us tired just thinking about it. But Cho's brand of busy is exactly what her many gay fans love to hear about, since it only means we get more of the irreverent, insightful, and downright dirty humor we've come to love.

Not that there hasn't been plenty of Margaret Love to go around in recent years. Beginning with 1999's "I'm the One that I Want," Cho averaged a show and subsequent concert film every 18 months, through 2005's "Assassin." Following that, she wrote and co-starred in the 2005 movie "Bam Bam and Celeste," hosted last year's inaugural True Colors Tour and, most recently, created and starred in a critically acclaimed off-Broadway burlesque show, "The Sensuous Woman."

FANS NO DOUBT LOVE TO SEE CHO venturing into new genres, but they're relishing her return to standup with "Beautiful," a sentiment the comic shares.

"I love it because I missed it," Cho says. "I really missed kind of being in charge of my own show, so it was something that I'm glad to be back to."

Cho promises "Beautiful," which she kicked off in Australia in late February, ranks up — or should that be "down"? — there with the raunchiest of her standup acts, but with the sort of empowering, self-affirming message that long ago cemented her iconic status with gay audiences.

"It's very hardcore. It's all about sex, and it's smutty and rotten and nasty — and it's fun!" she says. But she also wanted to "explore the nature of beauty. What is funny and scary about it, why we often don't feel beautiful, because our society's standards are so rigid and unattainable.

"A DJ once asked me, 'If you woke up tomorrow and you were beautiful, what would you do? If you were blonde, blue-eyed, 5'11", and weighed 100 lbs., what would you do?'" she continues. "Well, I probably wouldn't get up in that case, because I'd be too weak to stand. If that is his only idea of beauty, then I feel really sorry for him. I want everyone to feel beautiful, and I want to do it with laughter. Why not feel good about ourselves?"

ACCOMPANYING CHO ONSTAGE THIS round is comedian Liam Sullivan, who made a name for himself as Kelly in the YouTube sensation "Shoes." Cho met Sullivan through her husband, who helped work on the viral video, and instantly fell in love with his work.

"I saw the 'Shoes' video, and I loved it, and it went viral from my website," she says. "I love him. He's a really good friend of mine, and this is the second show that we've done together, so it's exciting to be doing a new thing."

And while TV may not be an entirely new thing for Cho — she last tackled the medium with the country's first Asian American-centric sitcom 1994's "All-American Girl" — she's set to return to television this summer.

But this time, she's at the reigns. She describes "The Cho Show," set to debut on VH1 in August, as an unscripted sitcom, with some reality show goodness thrown in.

"It's totally on my own terms," she says. "It's the first time that I've actually been able to figure out how to make my standup into a sitcom format, which is totally unusual and totally different. It's like a sitcom, but with real people."

When it comes to her fans and career, Cho is sitting pretty — well, make that sitting beautiful.

"I feel very lucky," she says. "I feel very good about where I'm at. I'm very fortunate. I love it."

Margaret Cho loves us back with Liam Sullivan and musical guest Kelly on Saturday, June 7, at 8 p.m. at the Tabernacle, 152 Luckie St. For tickets and info, check out www.livenation.com or www.margaretcho.com.

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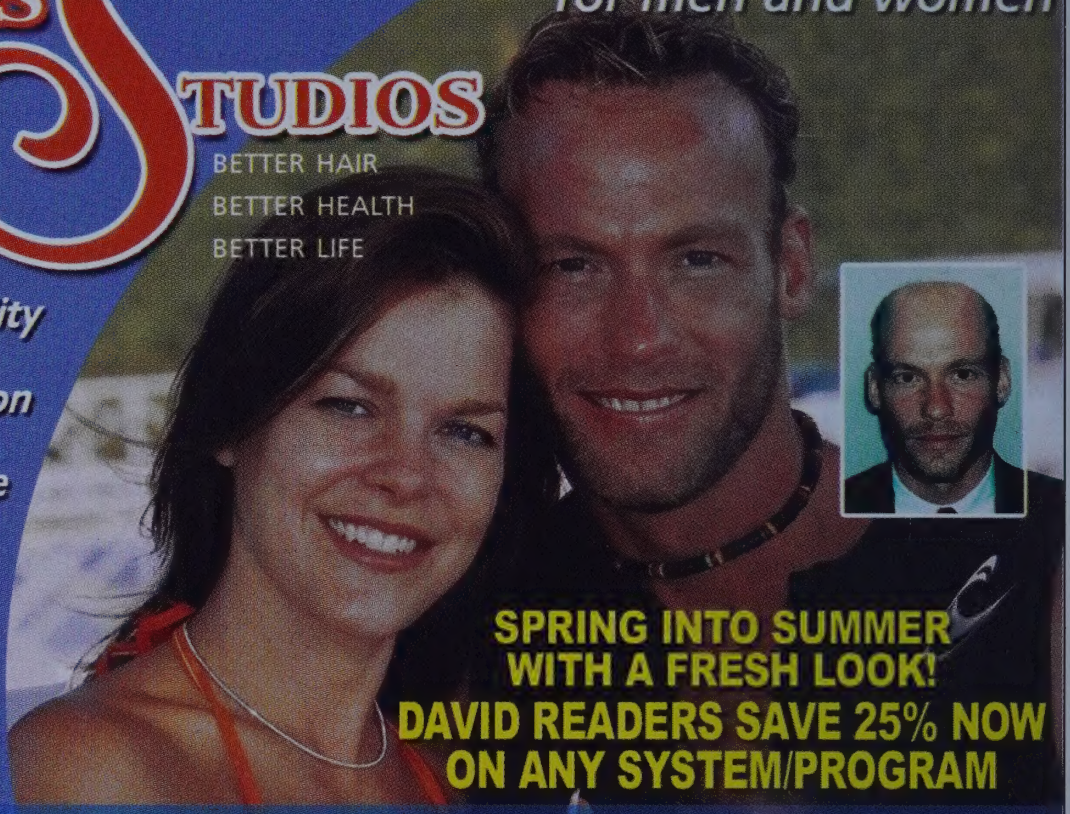

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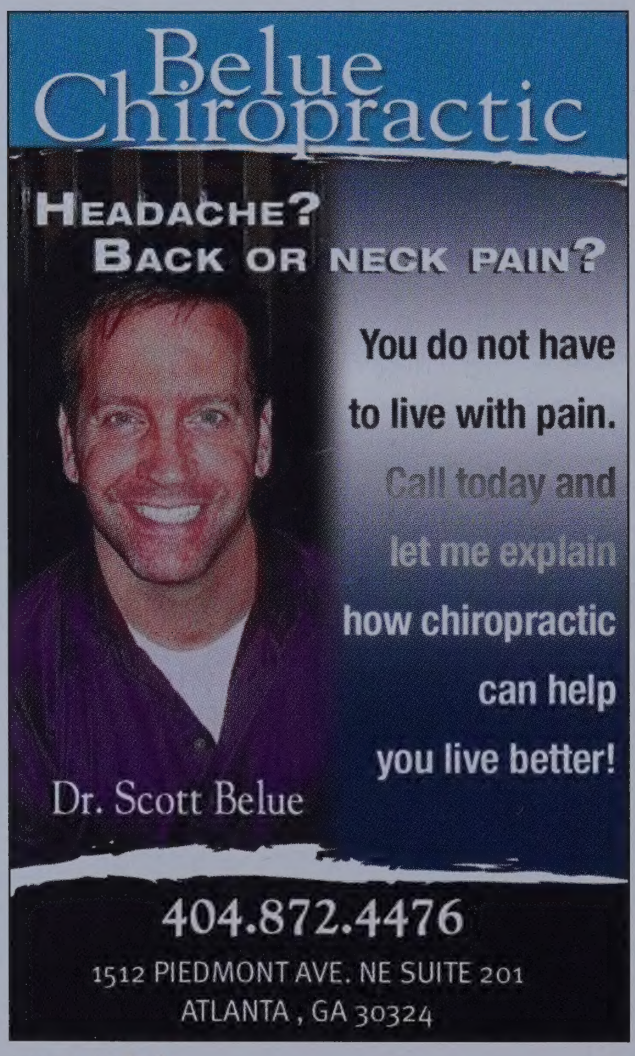
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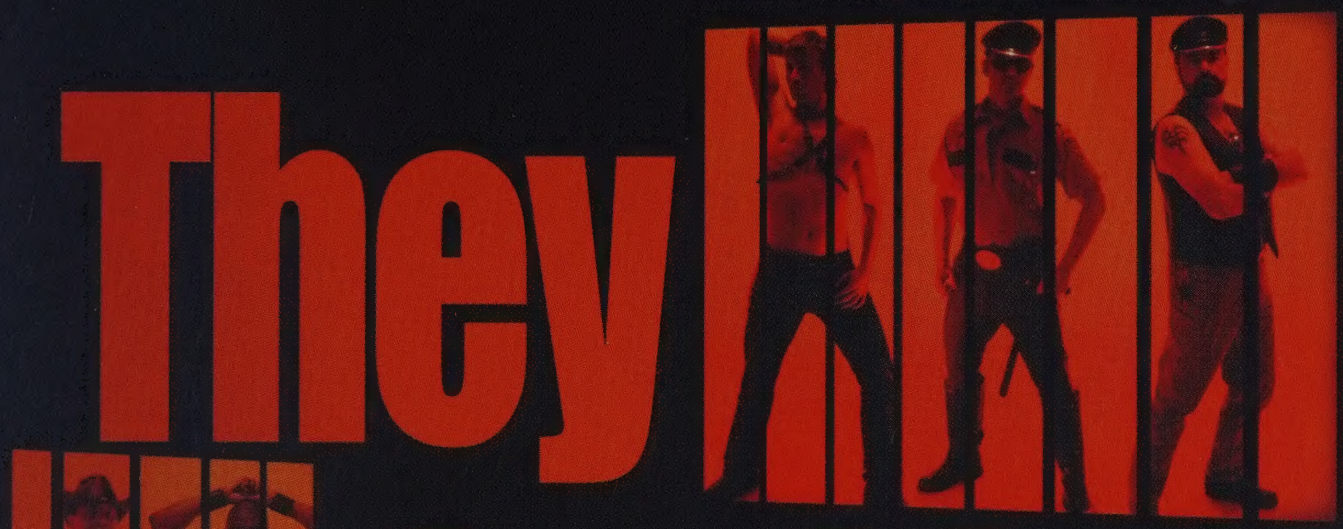

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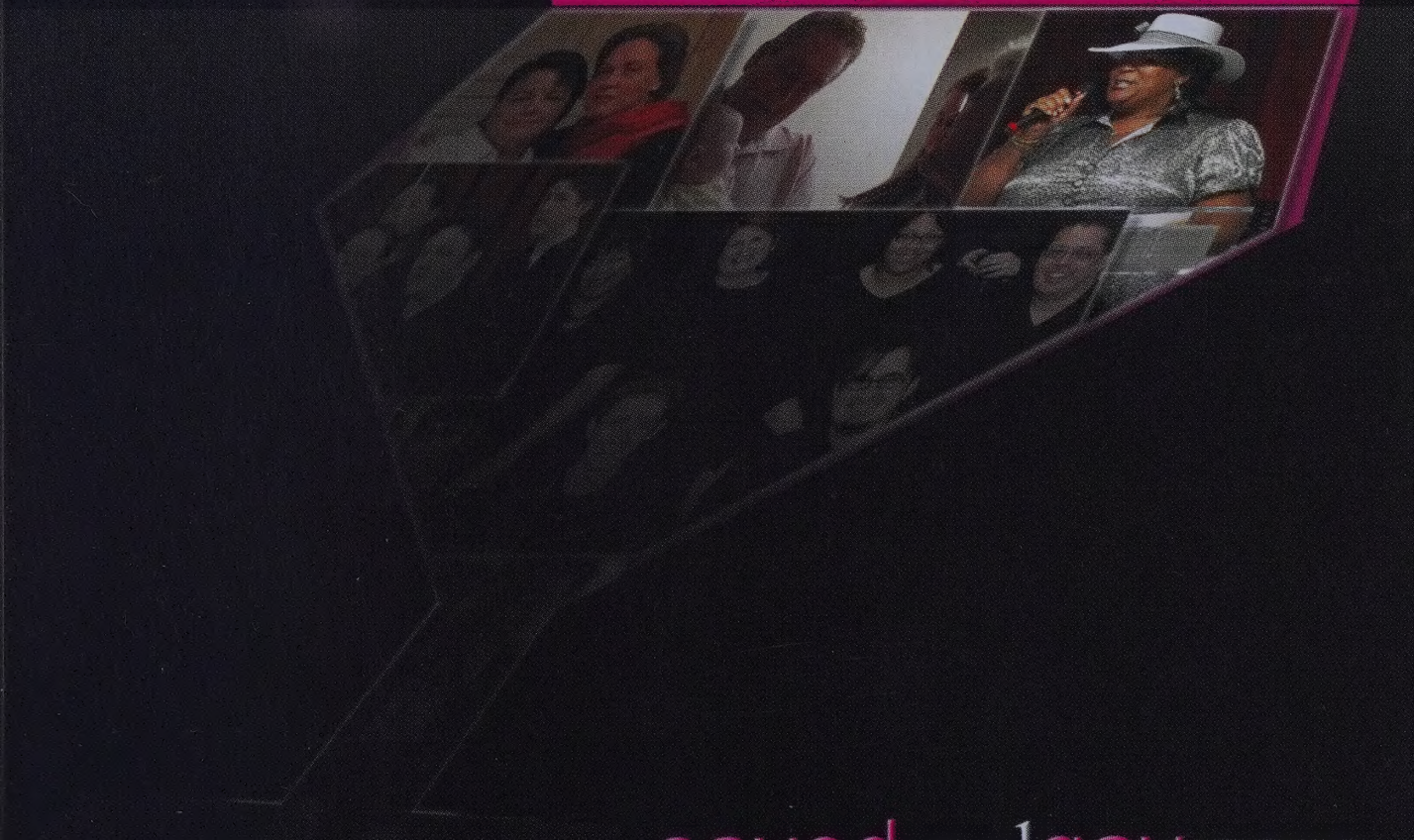

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DATEBOOK 06.05 — 06.11

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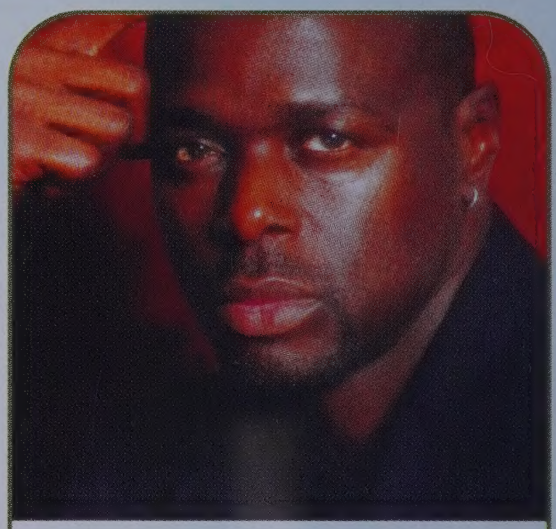
'HI, MY NAME IS GWEN...'

We all have our favorite **Margaret Cho** quotes we love to repeat over and over. Learn some new ones as she brings her latest show **'Beautiful,'** to Atlanta (see story on Page 24). *Saturday, June 7, 8 p.m. at the Tabernacle, 152 Luckie St. www.livenation.com*

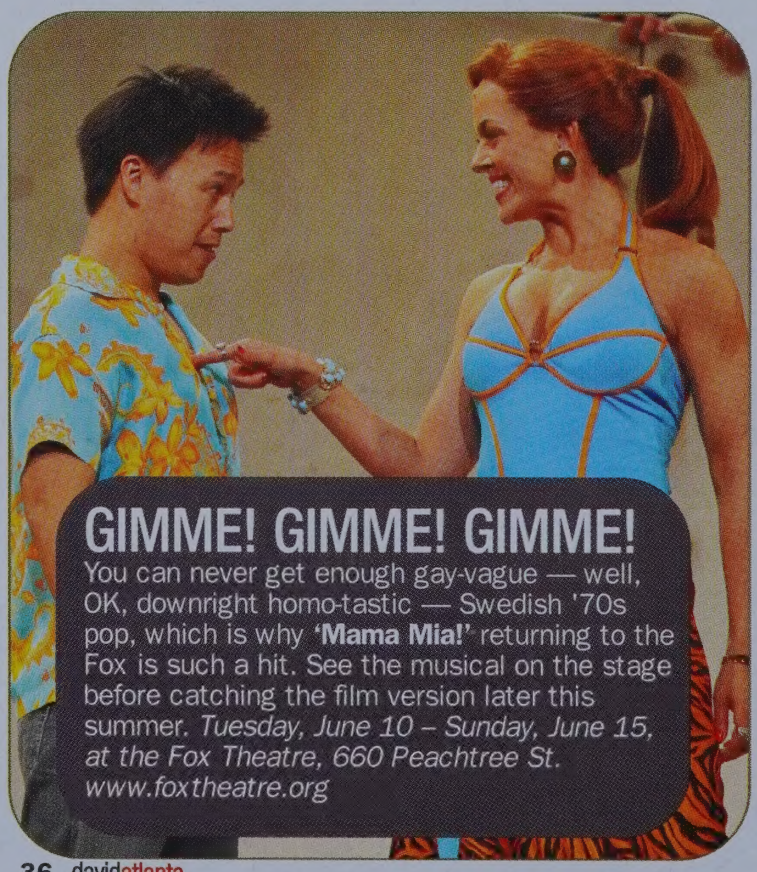


MOORE, PLEASE

So rarely do writers come in such a sexy package. That's why we can't wait to drool over **MW Moore** in person. He returns to Atlanta in support of his new book **'Internal Chaos.'** *Saturday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. at Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse. 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082, www.outwritebooks.com*

'PREMIERE' PAIR

Get geared up for one of summer's big gay fundraisers at a pair of **Premiere Party lead-up events** that cover the spectrum from high class to down and dirty. The events benefit the CHRIS Kids Rainbow Program. Patron Cocktail Party, *Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, 3081 Peachtree Road NE. Nighttime party, 10 p.m. at the Heretic, 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road. www.premiereparty.org*



GIMME! GIMME! GIMME!

You can never get enough gay-vague — well, OK, downright homo-tastic — Swedish '70s pop, which is why **'Mama Mia!'** returning to the Fox is such a hit. See the musical on the stage before catching the film version later this summer. *Tuesday, June 10 – Sunday, June 15, at the Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. www.foxtheatre.org*

THE GAY-TL

See the road that led to Atlanta's rich gay culture in pictures as Q100's Melissa Carter hosts a party celebrating the photo book, **'Gay & Lesbian Atlanta.'** *Wednesday, June 11, 8 p.m. at Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082, www.outwritebooks.com*

HOT DATES

06.05 AEN: The gay networking organization hosts a **luncheon**. *11:45 a.m. at the Midtown Athletic club, 135 Interstate North Parkway SE. www.aen.org*

06.06–15 9x9: No, it's not your lie of a Manhunt listing. **'9 x 9'** is the title of a new festival of nine short plays by as many area playwrights. *Check for showtimes at the Norcross Cultural Arts & Community Center, 10 Britt Ave., Norcross. 404-872-7909, www.onionmanproductions.com*

06.07 COTILLION: Atlanta Cotillion deb **Omar Nino** hosts a **poolside fashion show** to raise funds for AID Atlanta in his bid for Cotillion Queen. *2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at a private residence. Visit www.atlantacotillion.com for more info.*

06.11 AGLCC: Outwrite joins Atlanta's gay chamber of commerce in sponsoring the group's monthly **WOW Wednesday**. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Gilbert's Café, 219 10th St. NE. www.atlantagaychamber.org

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06.11 COUNTRY BOY: Don't try to touch **Tim McGraw**, or Faith Hill will cut you. *7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Amphitheatre, 2002 Lakewood Way. www.ticketmaster.com*

06.11–08.01 SHAKESPEARE: Georgia Shakespeare does it **'As You Like It.'** *Check for showtimes at Georgia Shakespeare at Oglethorpe University, 4484 Peachtree Road NE. 404-564-0020, www.gashakespeare.org*

NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

Please submit calendar entries no later than 5 p.m. on Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Send your listings to editor@davidatlanta.com. PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

THU 06.05

AMSTERDAM. Ruby's Redd Light Cabaret, 11 p.m.
BELLISSIMA. Lady's New Hot Spot.
BJ ROOSTERS. Drive-in Comedy & Pizza with Scotty
BLAKE'S. Southern Exposure live music, 8 - 10 p.m., The A List with Shawnna Brooks, 11 p.m.
BULLDOG'S. Hip-hop, R&B and house music, 8 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Princess Charles' Fashionistas, 11:30 p.m.
CLUB 708. Male/female review, dance party, 18 +, 10 p.m.
EAGLE. Underwear Night w/DJ Brett Long
FELIX'S. Karaoke with Johnny P. & Brett, 10 p.m.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Corona/LA Batt & Martini specials.
GILBERT'S. Live Latin Band / Dancing 10:30 p.m. -2 a.m.
HERETIC. Rapture with DJ Rick Walsh 10 p.m., no cover.
JOE'S ON JUNIPER. Trivia, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
LE BUZZ. Ladies Night, 'Bad Boys and Babe' Show.
MARY'S. Rotating weekly theme nights.
MODEL T. Karaoke with Johnny P.
OSCARS. Country Thursdays Cowboys 'N Margaritas.
PARIS DECATUR. Karaoke with Jai bartending, 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. dance 'til 4 a.m.
STAGE DOOR. Live music w/ local performers
SWINGING RICHARDS. 2 for 1 at door & VIP rooms
3-LEGGED COWBOY. Line dance lessons, 8 p.m.
TRIPPS. "Atlanta Sex Sirens" with by Neasia, 11 p.m.
WETBAR. VIP Thursdays, free VIP Entry/Access
THE WILD MUSTANG. Country line dance lessons, 8 p.m.
WOOFS. Daily Food Specials

FRI 06.06

AMSTERDAM. High energy videos, 9 p.m.
BELLISSIMA. Dance w/live DJ, guys welcome.
BJ ROOSTERS. BJ Boi Dancers with Hotrod and Scotty
BLAKE'S. Kitty LeClaw's MeowMix, 11 p.m.
BODYSHOP. Late-night dance party, 2 a.m.
BURKHART'S. Mary Edith Pitts' Show, 11:30.
CHAPARRAL. Latin Night with Jealouse, 10 p.m. - 4 a.m.
CLUB 708. Blackout Fridays, DJ JFK, male and female review, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
EAGLE. Cruise: Cruise & Dance w/DJ Brett Long
FELIX'S. Drink specials, divas at the square, 11 p.m.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Let's Get Frisky.
HERETIC. DJ Rick Walsh, 10 p.m.
JOE'S ON JUNIPER. Blunch, 11 a.m. -3 p.m.
LE BUZZ. 'Fridaylicious' with Brent Star and the Ladies of Illusion.
MARY'S. "Boys' Room" with Stewart, 9 p.m.
MODEL T. Divas of Delusion.
OPUS 1. Men's Night Out Blackout Party, midnight.
OSCARS. Afternoon showtunes. "Martinis, Men & Music Videos," 9 p.m.
PARIS DECATUR. DJ 'til 4 a.m., specials, free buffet 7-10 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Texas Hold'em, karaoke at 9 p.m.
SWINGING RICHARDS. "2-4-1 T-Shirt Review."
3-LEGGED COWBOY. No cover, Country As We Can Git.
WETbar. Check website/ads for DJ for special events
THE WILD MUSTANG. Latin night w/Maxine Blue, 10 p.m.

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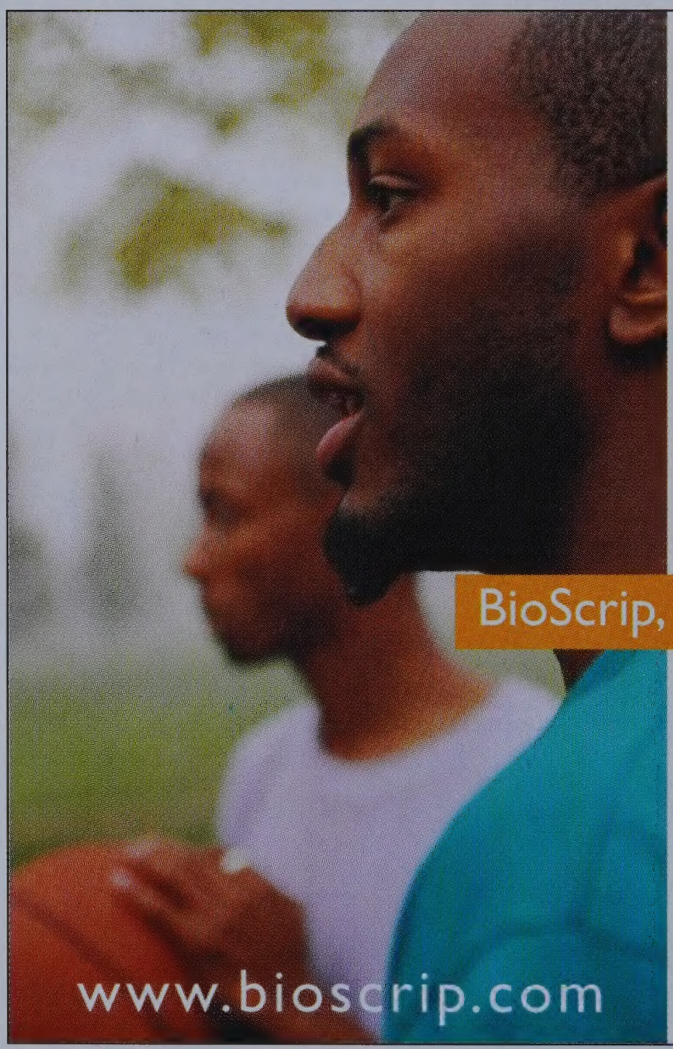

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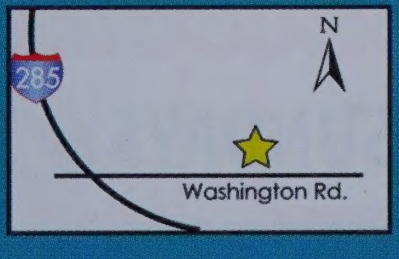

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SAT 06.07

AMSTERDAM. High energy videos starting at 9 p.m.
BELLISSIMA. Eat, drink, dance w/DJ.
BJ ROOSTERS. Start Here Saturday with Greg, Scotty and HotRod
BLAKE'S. Daring Divas, 11 p.m.
BODYSHOP. Late-night dancing, 2 a.m.
BURKHART'S. The Mary Edith Pitts Show with guests 11:30 p.m.
CLUB 708. Knockout Saturday. go-go dancers. 10p.m., 18 & up.
EAGLE. Cruise & Dance all night with DJ Pat Scott
FELIX'S. Mega Margaritas.
FRIEND'S ON PONCE. Free hot dog bar, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
HERETIC. DJ Brian Beck at 9 p.m.
LEBUZZ. 'Saturday Night Fever.'
MARY'S. "Mary-oke" with CJ, 10 p.m.
MODEL T. The MODEL Tzz Girls.
OSCARS. High energy videos w/VJ Das Wright, 9 p.m.
PARIS DECATUR. DJ 'til 4 a.m., drink specials
SABROSO. Chyna Fox and the Glamazons, 10:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Alternating Stagedoor Divas and Tuckerettes
SWINGING RICHARDS. 2-4-1 T-Shirt review.
3-LEGGED COWBOY. No cover, free dance lessons.
TRAXX. The Legendary Traxx.
WETBAR. Special guest DJs
THE WILD MUSTANG. Line dance lessons, 8 p.m., $5 after 10 p.m.

SUN 06.08

AMSTERDAM. Amsterdames, 9 p.m.
BELLISSIMA. Escape the heat of the park, open 12:30 p.m. to Midnight
BJ ROOSTERS. Sundies in your Undies Eye Candy. The werking stiffs with BossMan Bobby & Greg
BLAKE'S. "Big Time!" drag revue with Shabazz and more, 9 p.m.
BULLDOGS. Old school, house, R&B and hip hop.
BURKHART'S. Armorettes , 9 p.m.
CLUB 708. Afterparty, 18 & up, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
CLUB EUROPE. "Erotic Sunday's." Hip-Hp and R&B. 8 p.m. – 3 a.m.
FELIX'S. Bloody's and Mimosas.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Bloody Mary Bar & Family Reunion BarBQ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
GILBERT'S. Karaoke.
PARIS DECATUR. Free Buffet, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Texas Hold'em, 5 p.m., country line dancing, 7 p.m.
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MON 06.09

AMSTERDAM. Industry Night, 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Strip Glow Pool or Come Watch.
BLAKE'S. Drag on the Edge, Stomp the Park, 11 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Drag All Stars & Karaoke, 11 p.m.
EAGLE. Free pool.
FELIX'S. Sitcom Trivia w/prizes, 8:30 p.m.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Bud/Bud Lite and Long Island Tea specials.
HERETIC. Free Pool & Darts 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. with DJ, 10 p.m.
LeBUZZ. Movie Night.
MARQUETTE. Peek-a-boo male review. 18 & up, 10 p.m. 868 Simpson Road.
MARY'S. Monday Mayhem, theme nights and movies with bartender Zac. 10 p.m.
NICKIEMOTO'S. "Dragamaki" w/Bubba D. Licious, 8:45 p.m.
OSCARS. College Appreciation and Service Industry Night, 9 p.m.

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AMSTERDAM. Showtunes, 9 p.m.
BELLISSIMA. Great midtown location for drinks afterwork, open 4 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Tuffpuppy Tini Tuesdays.
BLAKE'S. Three Men & a Baby, 11 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Family Feud, Drag All Stars and karaoke, 11 p.m.
CLUB 708. "Walk it In" Tuesdays.
EAGLE. Free pool.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Miller Lite and Martini specials.
HERETIC. Movies & Drinks with Neal & Paul, 9 p.m.
JOE'S ON JUNIPER. Trivia with Tom, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
LE BUZZ. Karaoke Night, plus 'Drag O Rama' hosted by Brent Star.
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MARY'S."Mary-oke" with CJ, 10 p.m.
MODEL T. "069 Bingo" with Ken
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PARIS DECATUR. Poker night, 7 p.m.-4 a.m., $100 bar tab prize, free buffet 7 -10 p.m., bartender Kyle
STAGE DOOR. Texas Hold 'Em, movie night 8 p.m.
SWINGING RICHARDS. No cover.
3-LEGGED COWBOY. Beginning 2-step lessons, 8 p.m. Country music follows.
THE WILD MUSTANG. Free spaghetti dinner buffet, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Beginning two-step lessons 7 p.m., Intermediate at 8 p.m.
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WED 06.11

AMSTERDAM. All-day Long Island Tea specials.
BAZZAAR. Drag is so Bazzaar, 11 p.m.
BELLISSIMA. Wine club wine tastings, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
BJ ROOSTERS. Werk it Gurl with HotRod and Greg
BLAKE'S. The Hook Up with contests and giveaways , 11 p.m.
BURKHART'S. Karaoke with Shavonna B. Brooks, 10:30 p.m.
CLUB 708. Mini Ball Runway.
EAGLE. Service Industry Night
FELIX'S. Virtually Famous Karaoke with K.J. Patrick, 9 p.m.
FRIENDS ON PONCE. Coors Lite and house Margarita special
GILBERT'S. Karaoke, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 219 10th St.
HERETIC. Boys Night Out Dress Code Party with DJ Rick Walsh, 10 p.m., no cover
JOE'S ON JUNIPER. Crazy Bitch Bingo with Breyen Christopher, 8 -10 p.m.
LeBUZZ. 'The Ultimate Bitch' Charlie Brown's Hump Show.
MARY'S. Video request night.
OSCARS. Comedy Night with VJ Das Wright, 9 p.m.
PARIS DECATUR. Come OUT Dancing's Salsa Night, 9 p.m.
STAGE DOOR. Talent contest w/ Chique, all talents welcome
SWINGING RICHARDS. $5, 8 p.m.
3-LEGGED COWBOY. Intermediate 2-step lessons, 8 p.m. Country music follows.
THE WILD MUSTANG. Doors at 8 p.m.
WOOFS. Trivia Night, 8 p.m.

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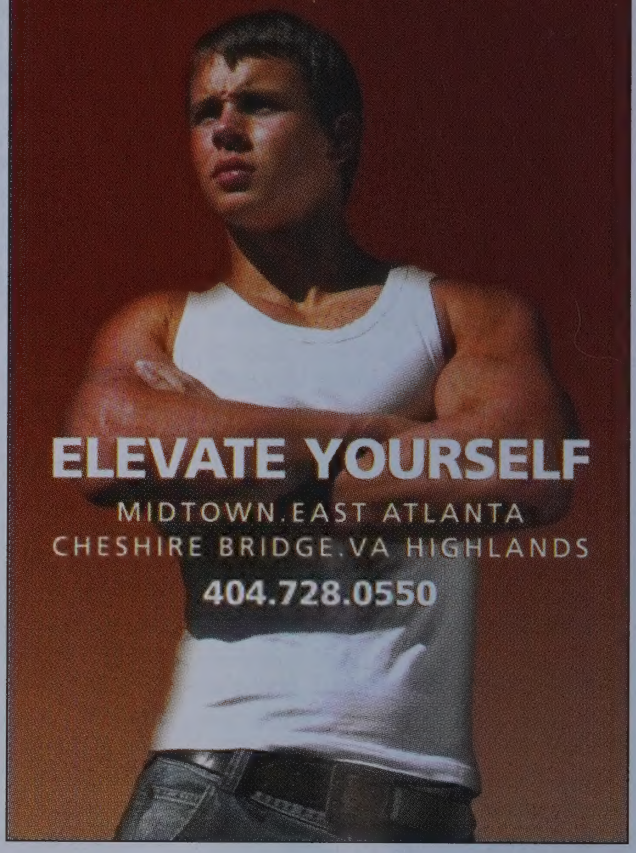

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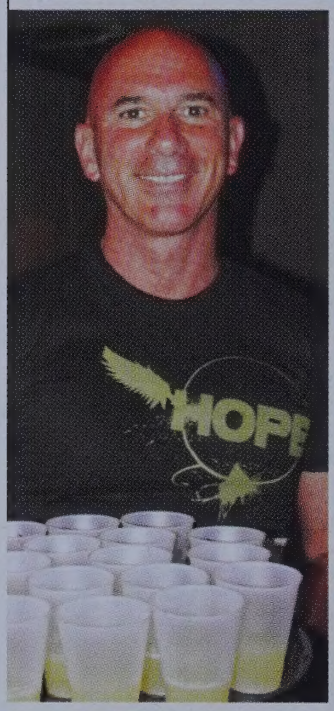

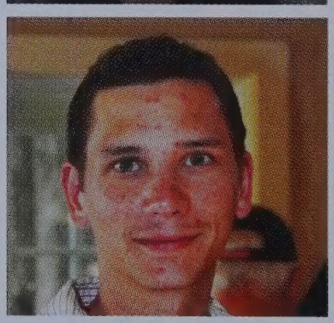

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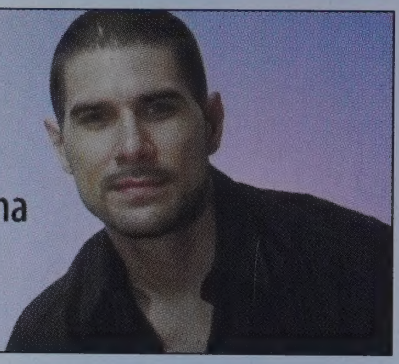

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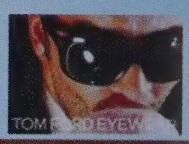

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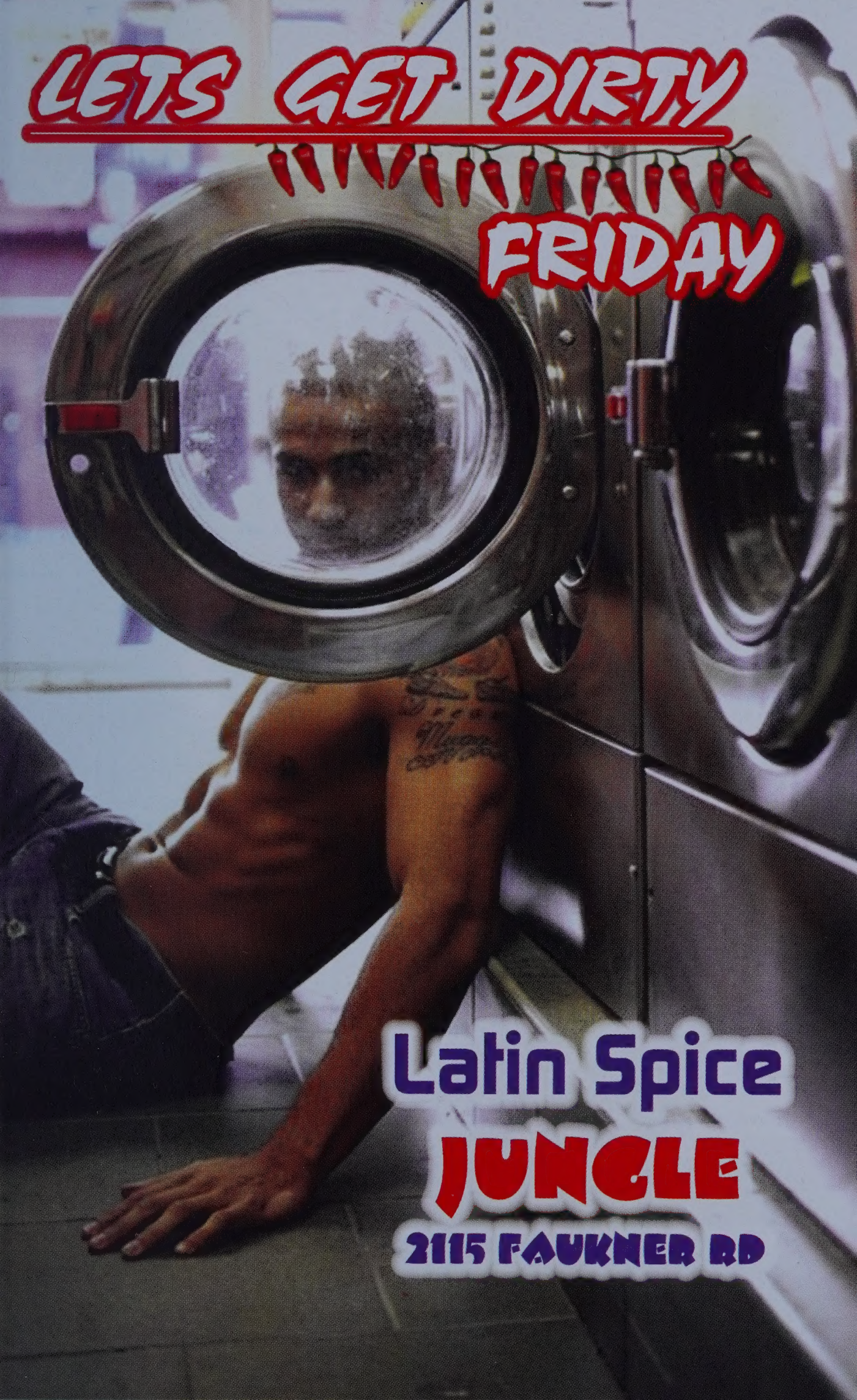
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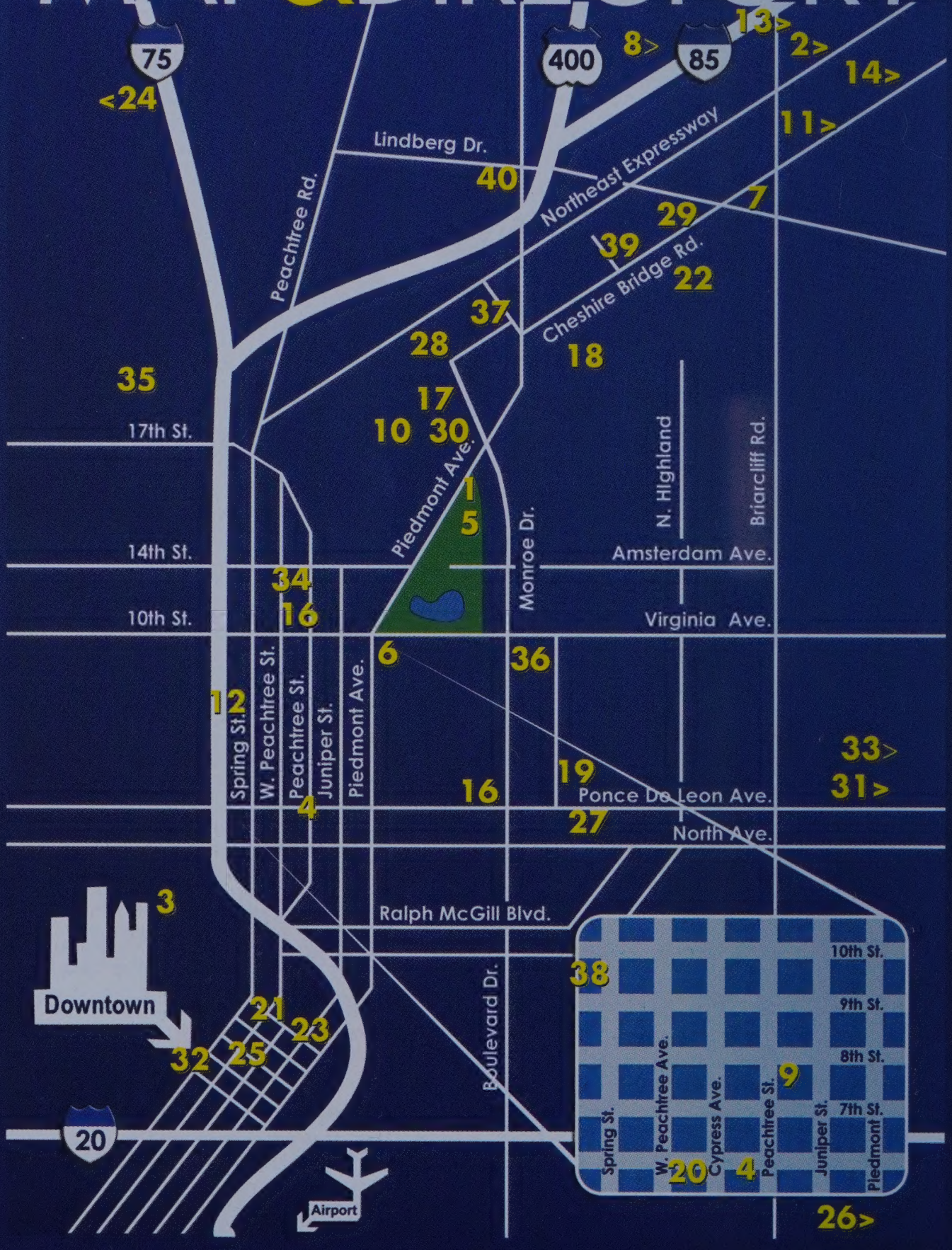

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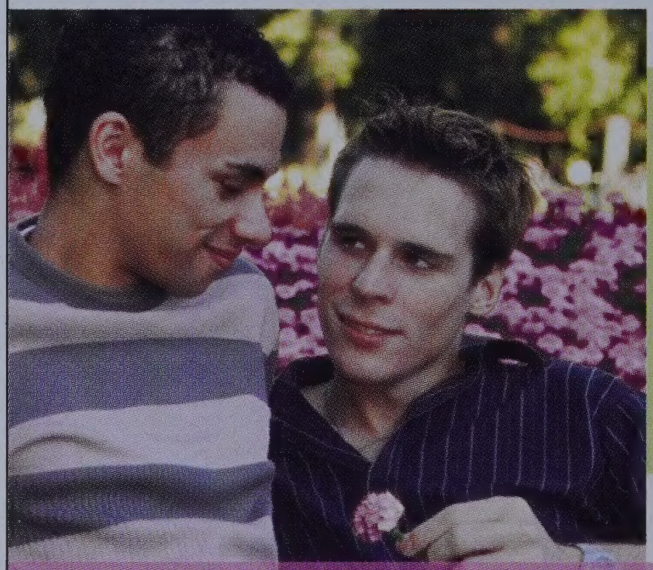

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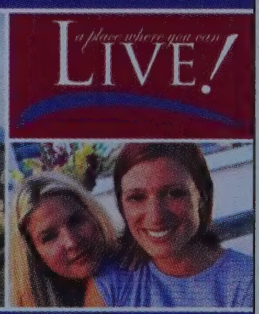

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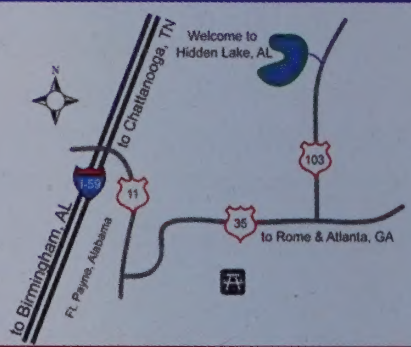

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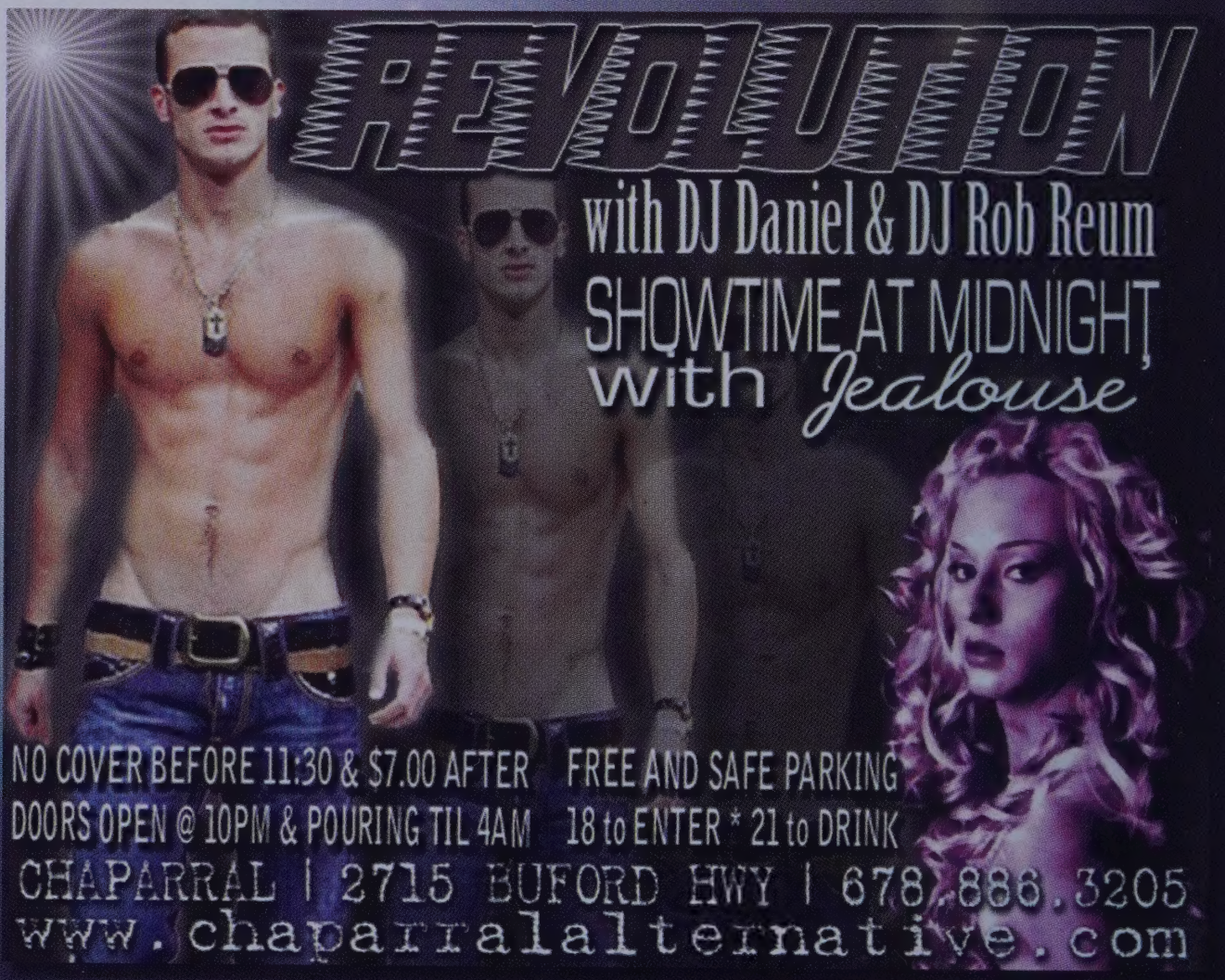
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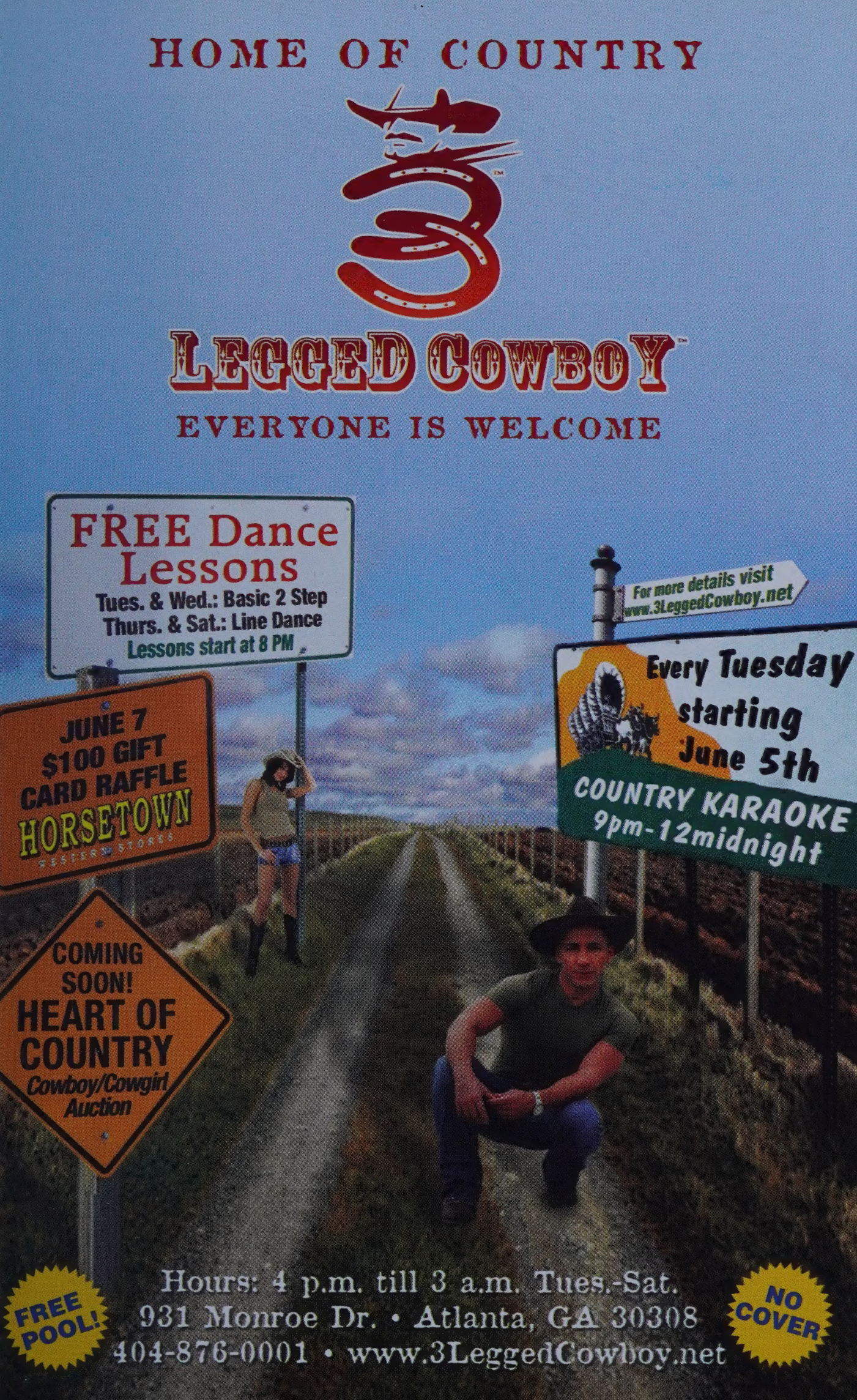
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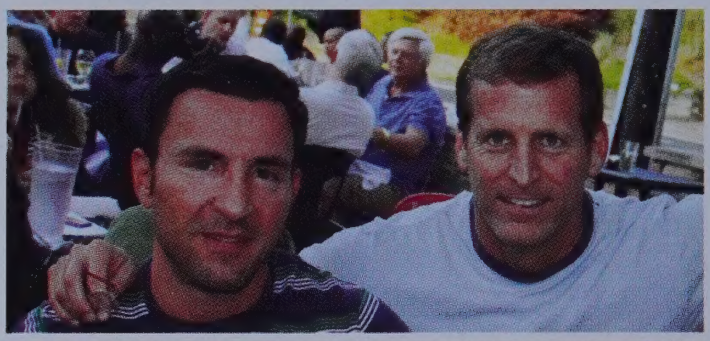

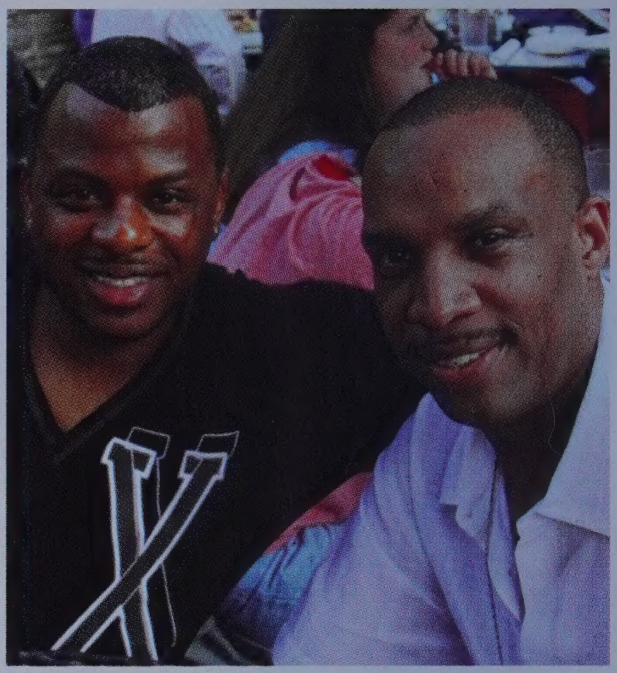

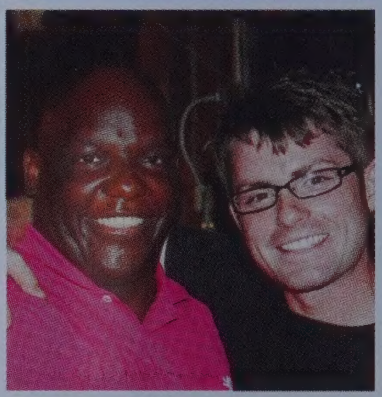

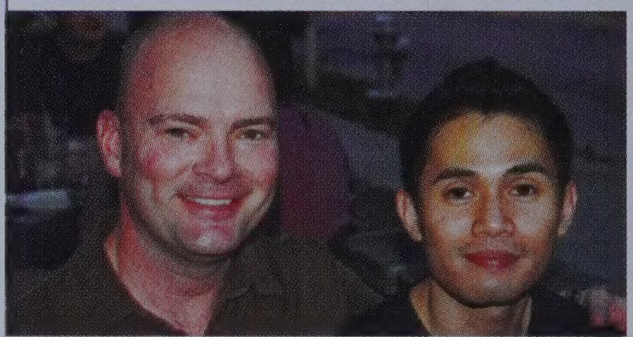

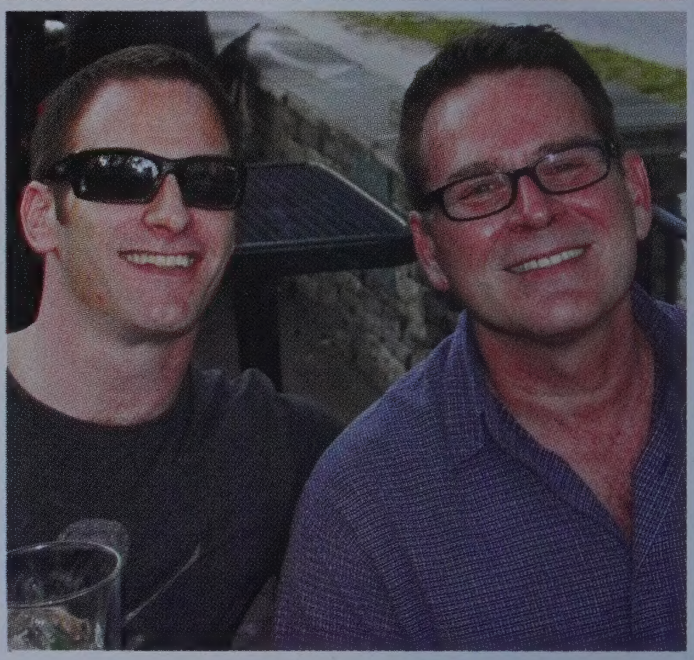

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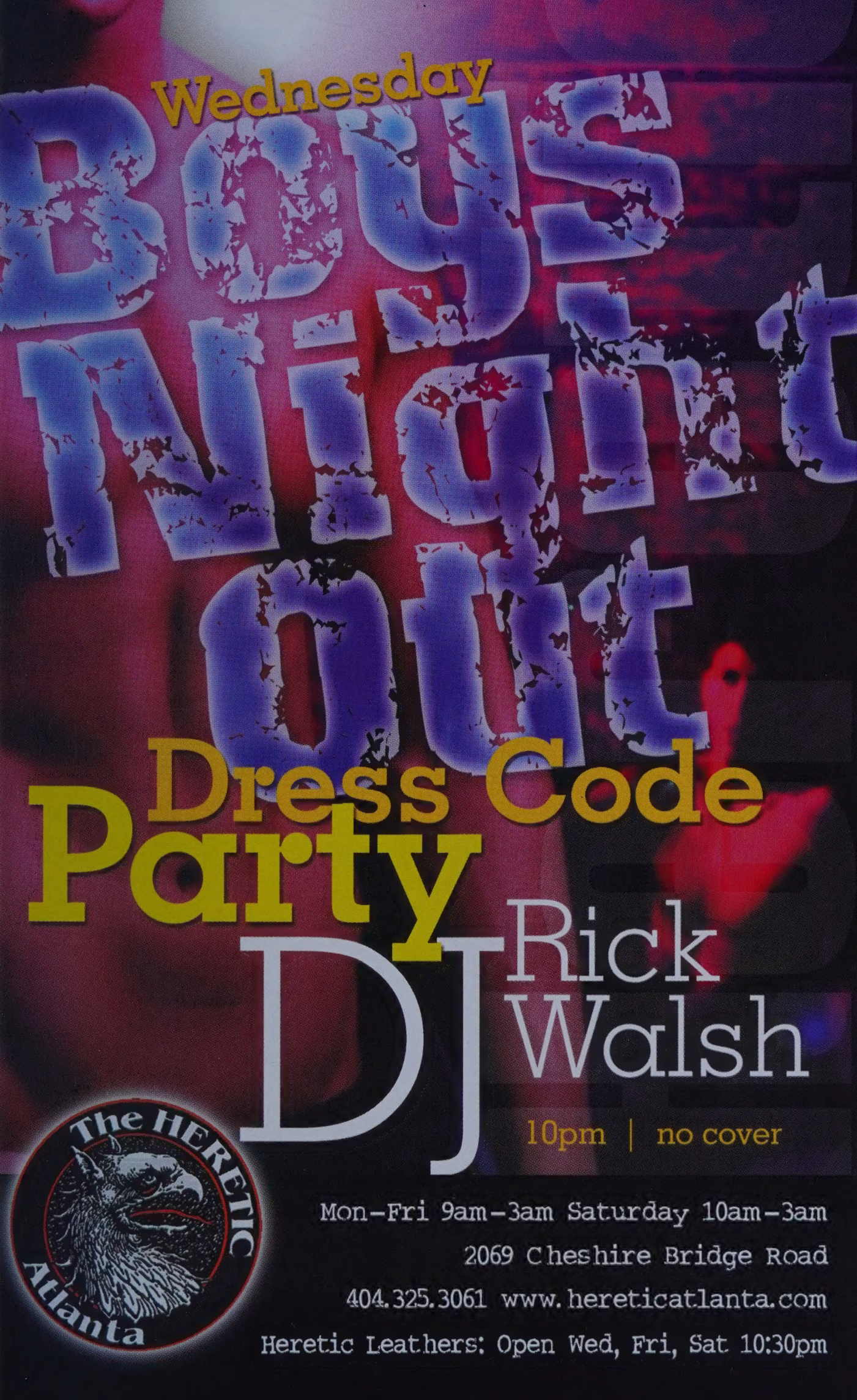
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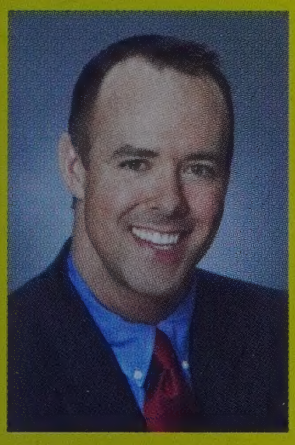

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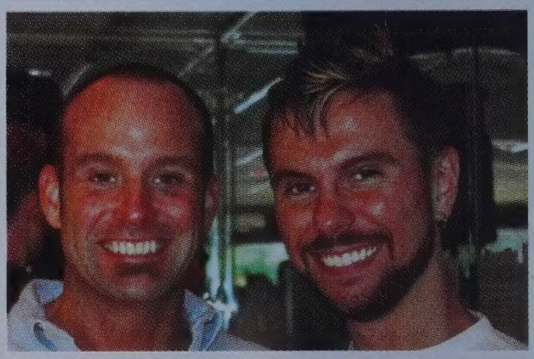

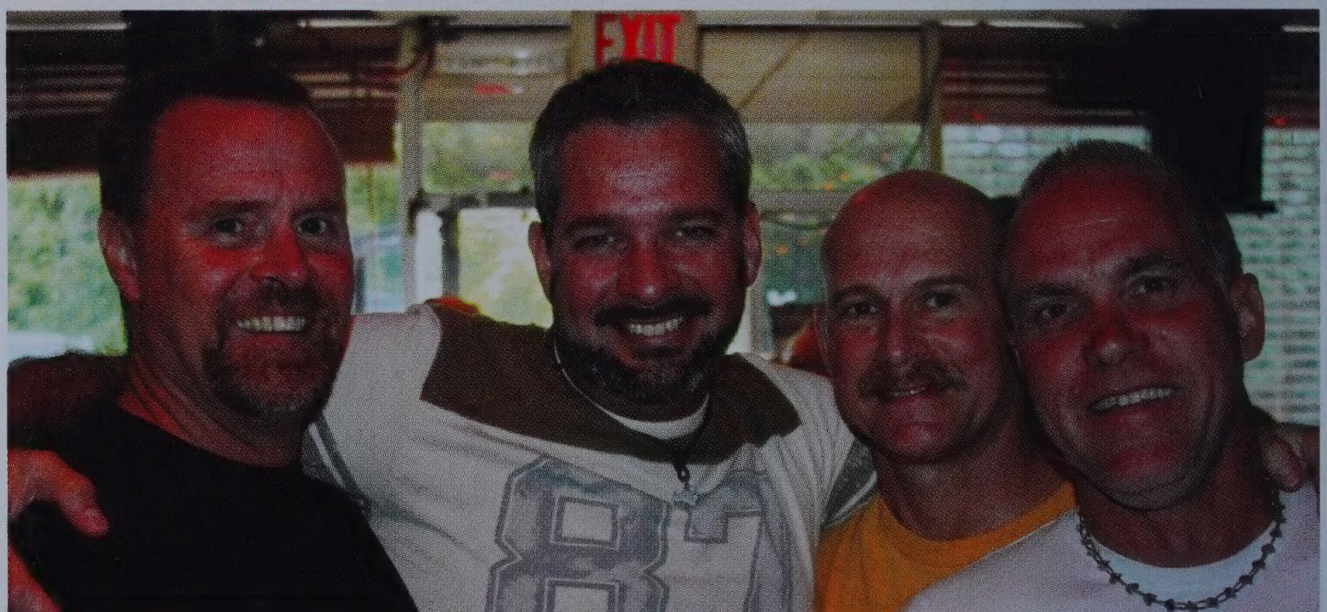

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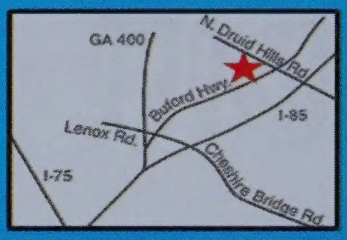

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I thought this kind of stuff happened after like, five years. I feel like he's not attracted to me anymore. When I finally asked him why he keeps rejecting me in bed, he said, "Did you ever think it's because I love you now?"

Can falling in love with someone make you less attracted to him sexually? Or is he cheating on me with someone else?

— 'LOVED' BUT LONELY

DEAR 'LOVED':

I had a Joan Rivers reaction to your boyfriend: "This bitch is putting me on!"

But I know he's not. I think he's being honest. Unfortunately, it's the kind of honesty that's going to make your life miserable.

Your sex life should be getting better, not rarer. Your boyfriend is suffering from a modified Madonna/Whore complex. And no, it has nothing to do with the Material Girl or Paris Hilton.

Freud theorized that men with cold, distant mothers seek out women with their mother's qualities so they could re-enact the intimacy they never got. Soon they start seeing their wives as their mothers — a Madonna figure — somebody they DO NOT want to have sex with. Hence, men with the Madonna/Whore complex can't mix love and sex because they subconsciously see it as a form of incest.

So how does this hetero theory apply to you two 'mos? Think of it as an Adonis/Whore complex. He can't love guys that sexually satisfy him, and he can't be sexually satisfied by guys he loves.

Meaning: YOU'RE FUCKED.

The more he falls in love with you, the less he wants to have sex. This phenomenon is more common than you think. There are lots of guys who can't mix lust with love. That's why they say donkey-crazy things like, "I can't fuck you because I love you." Or "I can't love you because you're such a good fuck."

This brand of insanity is caused by growing up in a religious, conservative culture that sees sex as dirty, wrong or something to be ashamed of. Which it is, but only when you go home with a troglodyte that could scare the fur off your dog.

Anyway, it's easy to internalize anti-sex moralistic dogma. Which reminds me, do fundamentalists do it dogma-style? Just a thought.

If you internalize the idea that love is meant for your husband but your dick is meant for your trick, you get, well, your relationship.

What's really surprising is that we don't have more men thinking like that. Almost everything around us enforces the idea that there's something wrong with sex. Abstinence classes or virginity pledges?

There's obviously something bad about sex if you go to those lengths to stay away from it. TV and movies? Sex is only appropriate when it's fueled by lust, not love. That's why they show such few married couples porking.

Fortunately, you've got a better chance to salvage your relationship than most because he seems so aware of what he's feeling. But awareness without action is a recipe for stasis. If he doesn't agree to therapy, I'd start looking for the emergency exit signs. Unless you want lifetime monogamy with your right hand.

Woody is the creator of Blabbermash.com, the "Youtube" of sex and dating advice. Reach him at info@blabbermash.com

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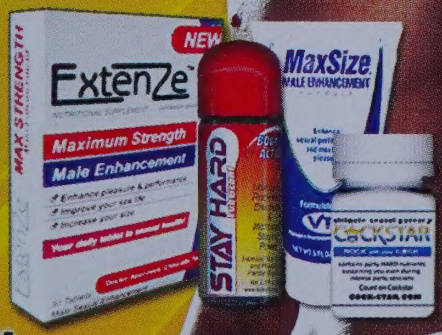

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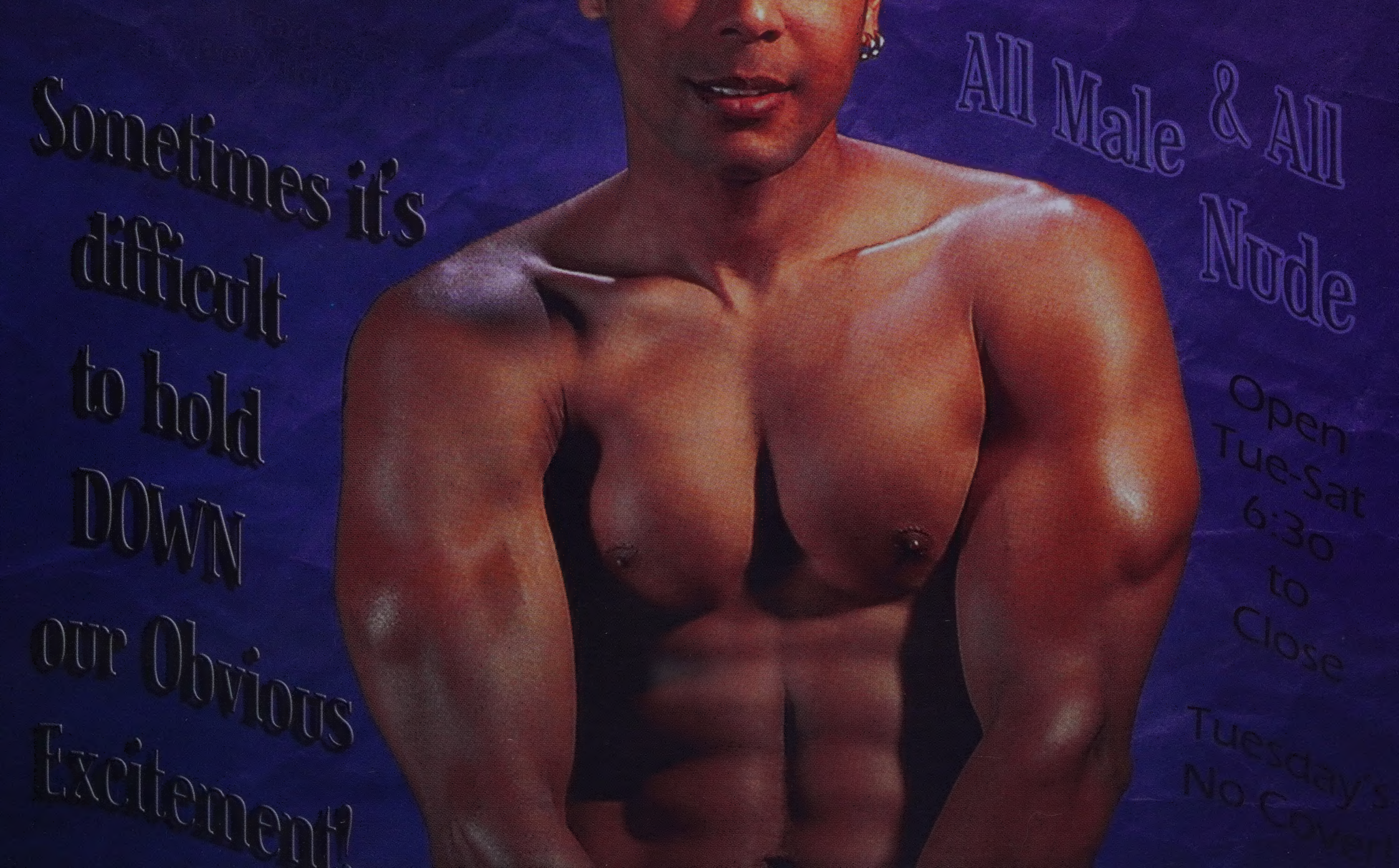
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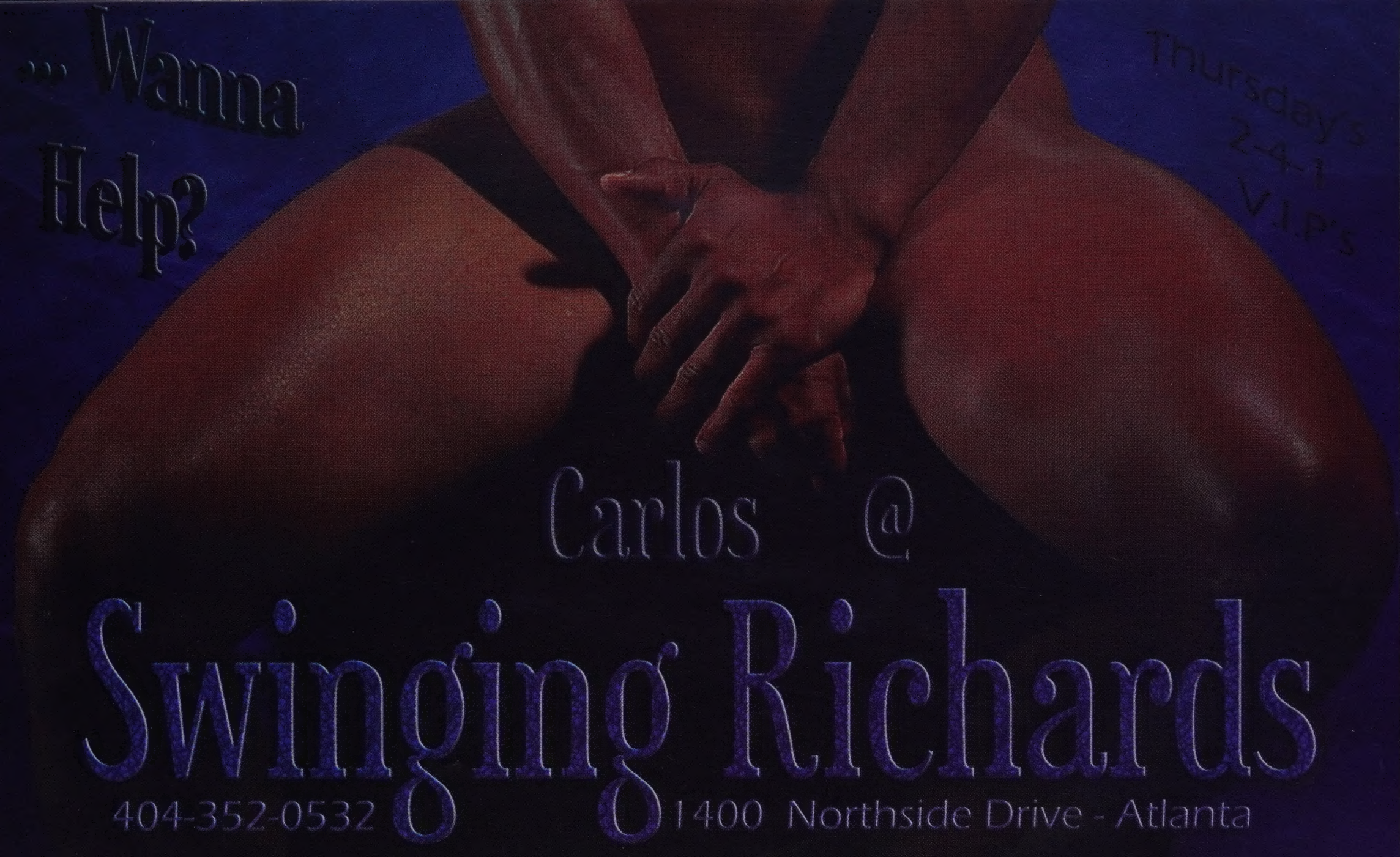
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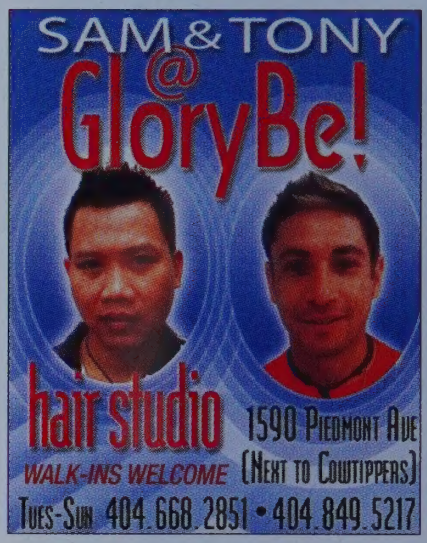

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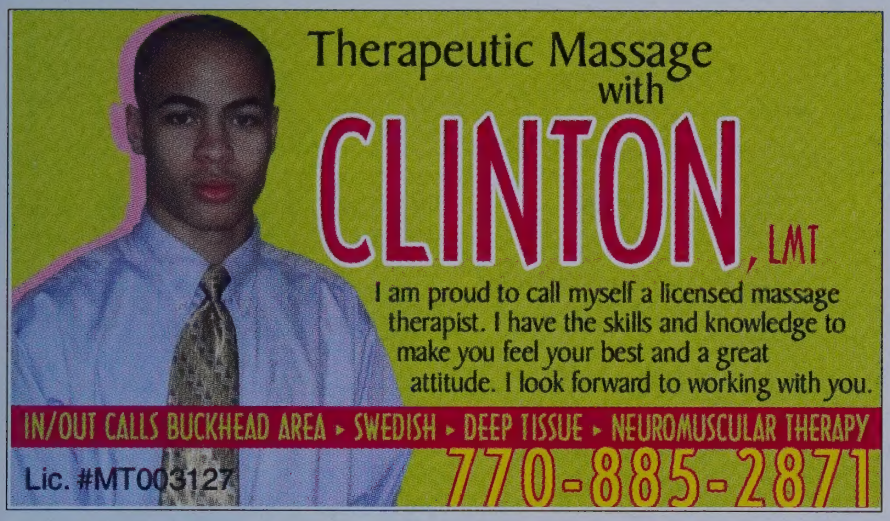
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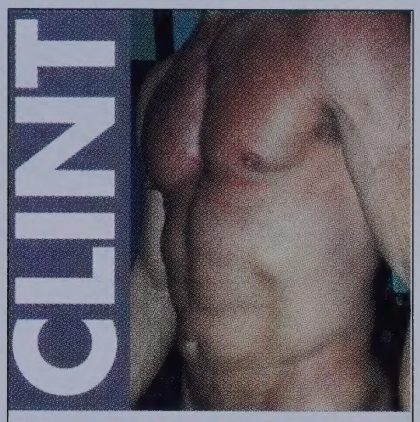

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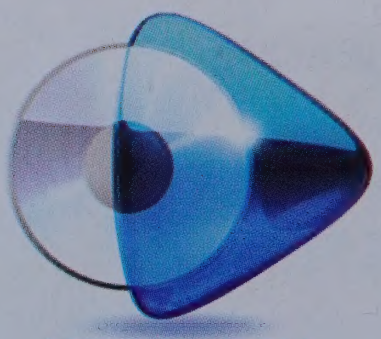

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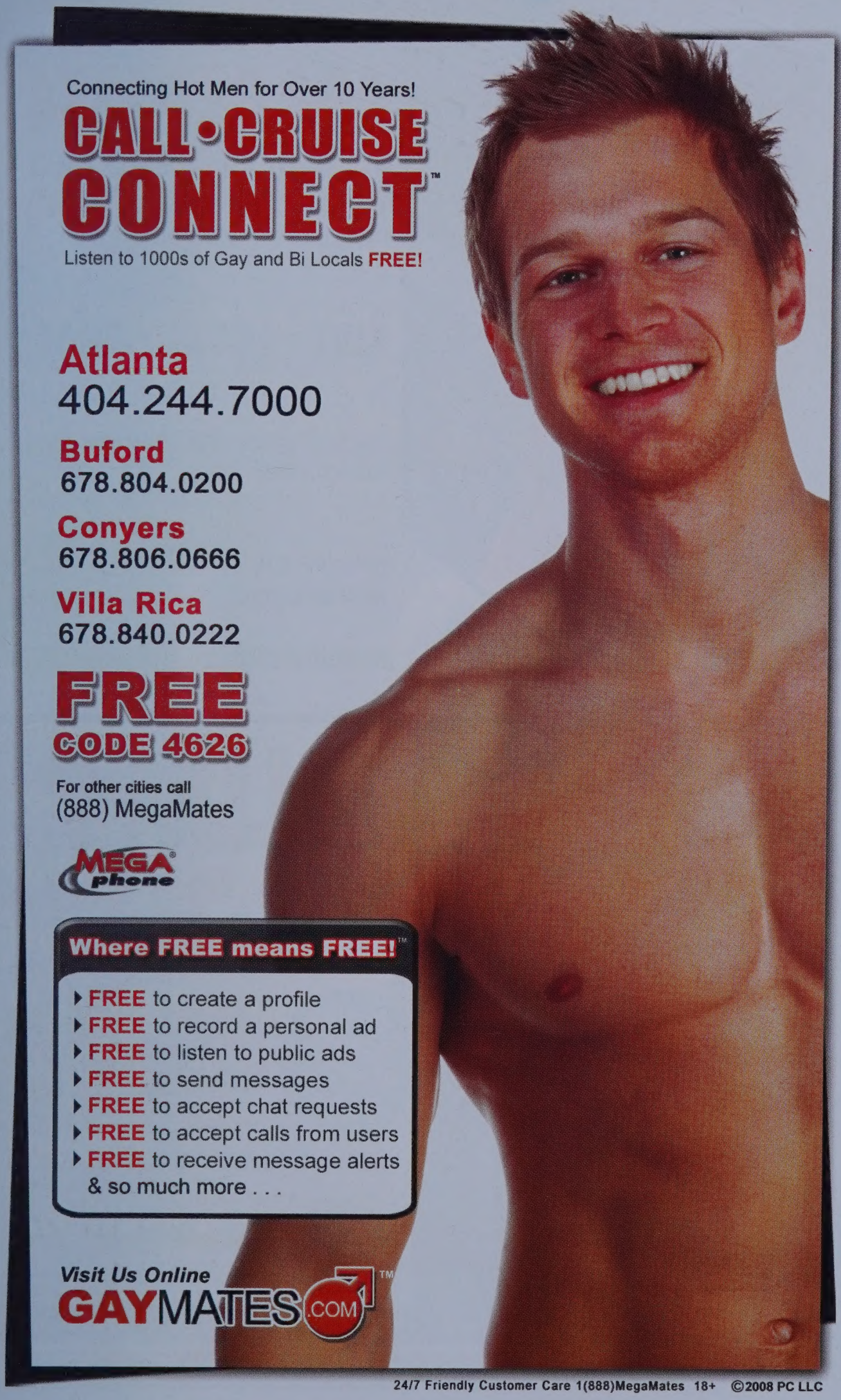
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When we first met, you said you did not understand why you were single. You then proceeded to break our date (via text message!) because you were busy getting drunk with your friends. I think we've answered your question.

I can't believe you stupid queens who date a guy based solely on the car he drives. How many times must I tell you? It's REAL ESTATE that matters!

It was bad when you started subjecting the entire gym to your torrid affair every morning while your husband was home sleeping. It got worse when you and your "mistress" started using the steam room as your own private get away, but I have to draw the line at you shaving your package at the sink in the locker room. Gross!

The military is recruiting convicted felons to serve and still ejecting honorable gays? Gays should all leave Bush's war and let them turn San Quentin into a new recruitment center!

The "Internet cruising generation" is all well and good, but for me, meeting a guy or three "face to face" completely deletes all of the lies and misrepresentations that men bestow on themselves.

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The only "hot stories" the guys at Narcotics Anonymous have is of the burning sensation they get whenever they urinate from an STD contracted during drug-induced unprotected sex.

You make one intelligent comment about sports, and the queens run in terror. Yet they are the first ones to bitch about wanting butch men.

Honey, 55 is old in this city, regardless of how you look.

Gay men are like Skittles, and I have tasted all the colors of the rainbow flag.

If we can't even use the term "gay" in our Pride festivities, why should we expect heterosexuals to believe there's any Pride in being gay?

You are just not there for people emotionally as a friend or anything more. You need to look at the cause of your loneliness and why you are an island unto yourself.

Why do all the pretty boys always assume it was the ugly man that dealt it? Your crap stinks too, you know.

I go to the baths to do the deed with someone who is at least half decent. That's just the way I am, so stop bitching when I turn you down.

How can we keep preaching that we all need to come together and fight discrimination together when we turn around and separate into various sects? Wake up people!

I learned French before going to France and Spanish before going to Spain. You come to America, you had better learn to speak English.

The mutual, total ownership you have of someone else makes monogamy totally hot.

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Remove that metal thing, and clean your ding-a-ling. Take off your wedding ring, and show me you're my king.

People avoid you like the plague because you call them "silly boys."

So many gaysians do look for sugar daddies, but this is true of many twinks of every color.

I don't know if I should be offended or flattered if the doctor asks me if I'm sexually active.

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